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FASCIST PIGS MUST WITHDRAW THEIR TROOPS FROM OUR COMMUNITIES OR FACE THE WRATH OF THE ARMED PEOPLE

ABOUT CHARLES R. GARRY: WESLEY ROBERT WELLS

Charles R. Garry is loved and respected by millions--he is also hated with vehemence, because as a barrister he is a courageous, militant, uncompromising champion of human and legal rights of the under-dog regardless of race, color or creed. He unquestionably is our Nation's twentieth century most outstanding protector of legal rights for all. I think we all agree that Attorney Garry has no fear, and is most definitely guided by the dictates of his own conscience, the U. S. Constitution being his main guideline.

I once heard a man on death row at San Quentin state: "should I die thru the always courageous and untiring efforts of Charles Garry, I shall not have died in vain." I candidly believe this is the overwhelming consensus of every Garry client.

In view of what has thus far been written, I wish to add import to the same by declaring myself. I am an inmate, Wesley Robert Wells, of San Quentin. I have been incarcerated since 1942. I was tried, convicted and sentenced to death in 1947, for throwing and hitting a prison guard with a cuspidor. I remained on death row from 1947 until 1954, suffering the anguish, longing, heartachs and apprehensions of the condemned until former Governor Goodwin Knight commuted the cruel and inhuman sentence; and invoked a far more cruel and inhuman sentence: Life Without Possibility Of Parole...

While on death row, through the concern of Dr. F. D. Haynes; paster of the Third Baptist Church of San Francisco, and my friend, Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett; local physician, civil rights leader and Sun Reporter publisher, I was introduced to this wonderful man, Charles R. Garry. At this time I had less than 30 days to live. This was over 20 years ago.

Through these many trying, frustrating and humiliating years, this man, Charles Garry, not only was and is my legal counselor, also he is and has been a Real, Tried and True Friend. Not once has he done a mistrusting deed, always doing whatever possible to ease my burdensom role. He has taught me the essence of brotherhood and the full value of friendship.

It was Charles R. Garry, who has given me a full understanding and appreciation of a Spiritual Power. Thru his acts I have a new concept of love, life and freedom.

During these many years Charley Garry has waged an incessant legal battle to win my freedom, and rectifying the injustice done me--all without remuneration.

My constant prayers are that; Charles R. Garry, a Man, Humanitarian, Champion of Human and Legal Rights, and my FRIEND enjoy God's richest blessings.

No gift is too precious! No honor is too great for this noble servant of humanity, Charles R. Garry.

May his spirit and works never die!

Wesley Robert Wells

THE CASE OF WESLEY ROBERT WELLS TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS A POLITICAL PRISONER

Wesley Robert Wells
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San Quentin, Calif.
February 10, 1954

The Honorable Goodwin J. Knight
Governor, State of California
Sacramento, California

Dear Governor Knight:

I am writing you in the hope of appealing to your sense of justice and fair play, in an effort to save my life and not have it snuffed out in the gas chamber on April 9th of this year as scheduled. I am writing this appeal for my life, Sir in my own words, from my heart, as that is the only way I know how to write. To enable you to better understand the injustice that has been and is being done in this case, and to be able to appreciate why I feel that executive clemency should be granted in this case, please allow me to call the following to your attention:



In 1946, just prior to the State' gubernatorial election, former Governor Earl Warren commuted the death sentence of a young Negro who had been convicted and sentenced to death from Sacramento for the crimes of rape, robbery and kidnap with bodily harm. In commuting the death sentence, the former Governor stated that he was doing so because (1) he did not believe in exacting the supreme penalty in a case when no life had been taken; and (2) that he did not believe the jury would have voted for the death penalty had the defendant been other than a Negro.

Now, Sir, I am heartily in accord with former Governor Warren's opinion as stated in that case, and I feel that the action taken by him was just, and in accord with democratic and Christian principles. I also believe, Sir that the best proof as to whether I would be here today under sentence of death, "had I been other than a Negro", lies in the fact that, never in the history of the State, until my conviction in 1947, had any man ever been condemned to death under Section 4500 of the Penal Code (or any other Section, to my knowledge) for merely an assault, when no life had been taken. And, to my personal knowledge, there has been at least forth assaults with deadly weapons committed by legitimate life term prisoners, and not a "fictitious" life term, such as I am serving, or "was" serving. In fact, even since I've been here on condemned row, there have been such assaults, to my personal knowledge, committed against San Quentin prison guards, by white prisoners. Yet, with the recent exception in the case of Silva, a Portuguese, from Hawaii (who incidentally, demanded of the judge that he sentence him to death, stating that he "wanted to die"), I am, as I've said the first and only man ever condemned under Section 4500 P.C., when no life has been taken. Now, I respectfully ask, Sir, what conclusion is to be drawn from these facts? In view of the foregoing incontrovertable facts, I feel that it must be concluded that I have been arbitrarily and discriminatorily singled out and condemned to die. Why...? Why was I singled out for condemnation? I sincerely do believe that the answer to the question is: Because I've refused to passively submit to degrading, cruel and inhuman treatment, because I've fought--foolishly, perhaps, at times--for that which I believe in, for racial equality, for the rights and dignity due all men. In substantiation of my contention that I have been unjustly condemned to death, please permit me to apprise you of the following:

In 1944, while serving a term of from one to five (1 - 5) years in Folsom prison for driving a car without the owner's consent, I was indicted and subsequently prosecuted for possession of a knife. Believing I had a clear-cut case of self defense, I chose to act as my own counsel. During the trial the following questions and answers were given:

"Q. Now, Brown, when you approached me at the position "I?" there at this last table, didn't I request you to take your hand out of your pocket? A. I did not. Q. How many times would you say that I asked you to take your hand out of your pocket? A. About twice, I would say. Q. And when you approached me you had the knife, and you had your hand on it? A. I had the knife, and my hand in my pocket. Q. And you were requested to take your hand out of your pocket? A. That is right. Q. And you failed to do so, isn't that correct? A. That is correct". (See Reporter's Transcript, Peo. v. Wells, pp. 198-201)

Just before sentence was pronounced against me, Mr. Carr, acting specifically for the purpose of addressing the Court, made the following address:

"It is within the power of the Court at this time to suspend the sentence, or to make the sentence run concurrently with the sentence that the defendant is now serving. Since the man was found guilty, certainly justice will be served by his serving some time. As the matter now stands, even though it was not admitted as evidence, we are all familiar with and aware of the story that he told, and that his witnesses told, to the effect that he felt himself in fear--that he was in fear of being stabbed. However, in accordance with the jury's findings, the defendant was not so justified. I think we all agree that he was at least partly justified. Thus, it would seem to me that mercy would be justified in this case at least to the extent of making the sentence run concurrently with that he is now serving, and that would accomplish the desired end. It was thought that this man would be paroled about this time next month, had it not been for this unfortunate occurrence. The defendant had earned sufficient credits to justify the board, or the Adult Authority to consider his application for parole favorably. At the very most, for the crime for which he was previously convicted, he would have served only one more year. Thus, to quote Portia, 'Mercy tempers justice.' We have nothing further to add to that

THE COURT: "Have you anything to say, Mr. Seely? Mr. Seely (the prosecutor): "No, I have no recommendation, whatever, in the matter. Your Honor's judgment in the case will be satisfactory with me."

THE COURT: "The punishment for this offence IS FIVE (5) YEARS,... and I take it that the prison board may use its own judgment. Otherwise, there might be some object in the Court trying to determine whether the sentence should run concurrently with his present sentence, or whether the sentence should begin to run at the expiration of his present term, I presume that the section to which Mr. Carr refers to make it optional with the Court, and probably if we didn't mention it, the sentence would run concurrently.

"There was some justification, in a way, if you can say that there could ever be any justification... A prison is a world unto itself. These men confined in prison have their schemes. There are plots and counter-plots. There are all kinds of things committed up there, and all kinds of schemes. If this defendent had exercised the same amount of skill and intelligence and ingenuity, and thought, that he exexercised during this trial, and even when he committed this crime, he would probably be quite an influential man on the outside. He could have acquires almost any position that he desired. But, of course, he didn't do that, I don't know how he got started, but he has been mixed up in crime for a long time, and, as I say, these men confined in the prison have their feuds up there, and he probably had had his.--maybe more than once. On this occasion BOTH OF THESE MEN HAD KNIVES, and the question between them, was who was going to get the other first". (Rt. p. 219...Emphasis mine.)

After asking and receiving permission of the Court, I said:

"Mr. Seely brought up the point that I had protection of the guards. People have no way of knowing this: Last March of this year, I was standing beside a guard who was as close to me as I was here (indicating a distance of about ten feet) and I was attacked and stabbed nine (9) times. And I was standing right beside the guard, and I didn't have so much as a pen-knife with which to defend myself." (Rt. p. 213-216.)

No action was taken against Brown, who as a witness for the state, testified, as cited above, that he advanced upon me with a knife (a butcher knife) after I had asked him "at least twice" to take his hand out of his pocket, and not to come up on me with his hand in his pocket (on the knife). The butcher-knife possessed by him, which was immediately taken into custody, and presumably, also his attempt to use it on me, was justified by the prison officials (and evidently was justified by the District Attorney of Sacramento) on the grounds that: "He was a con boss, and had permission to 'get a knife any time' he needed one." (Rt. p. 21). No, there was no criminal action taken against him, but to the contrary, he was given a parole shortly thereafter...and I was given a sentence of five years to life...for possession of a knife.

It was this conviction that was the basis for the subsequent prosecution and sentence of death. I think it is a note-worthy fact that the trial judge said, as noted above: "The punishment for this offense is FIVE (5) YEARS Had the trial judge realized at the time that the punishment for the offense was not five years but, in effect, was a life term sentence, in consideration of all the facts and circumstances as presented to him, I seriously doubt that he would have passed such a sentence upon me. The fact that I was not charged with or prosecuted for using the knife--which I was forced to do in disarming my assailant,--that I was not charged with assault, but merely charged with possession of the knife, is highly significant. Why was I not prosecuted for assault? Why was Brown not prosecuted for possession of the butcher-knife?

Here, again, we have incontrovertible evidence of arbitrary discrimination for the purpose of prosecuting me unjustly I beseech you, Sir, to thoroughly investigate the facts and surrounding circumstances of this conviction, for as I've said, it was this conviction that laid the foundation for the subsequent prosecution and sentence of death; and please believe me, Sir, never in the last twenty-five years has any prisoner received such a dirty, rotten deal as was given my by prison officials in that case, and in the case that followed, my conviction and sentence of death--death for throwing and hitting a guard with a cuspidor, death for reacting "normally" to years of abnormal, brutal and inhuman, treatment at the hands of my keepers--after they, on various occasions, had caused my blood to "flow like wine." Such a paradox?

In a report to the Adult Authority with respect to the inmate Brown incident, the prison officials untruthfully, and knowingly so, advised the Authority that: "Wells called inmate Brown, and when the inmate walked up to Wells, without provocation, Wells threw a coat over the head of inmate Brown and stabbed him,..." or words to that effect. Now, Sir, that perniciously false report to the Adult Authority was not a mistake, the officials knew when they made it, that it was not true. The officials made the malicious and injurious report with intent and design, it was a part of a well calculated scheme, a practice which had long been in action. I am not supposed to know about the report, but I read it, Sir, shortly after it was written; therefore I know whereof I speak. I beg, Sir, that you check this report against the findings of the trial judge; and, I also urge that you check the statement of the trial judge and the prosecuting attorney, now on file, against their statements as made and recorded in open court, at the time of my trial. If you will, Sir,--and justice demand that you do so--you will find, I'm sure, that some real dirty work has been done in this case. Please do not misunderstand me, Sir, I do not mean to imply that Judge Glen, is, or has been, a party to any skulduggery. But, somebody definitely has.

Now, Sir, I will not undertake to argue the legal merits of my case, as I'm sure you are, or will be, thoroughly familiarized with them. I must say, though, that I feel that the Attorney General has been unfair, unscrupulous and unethical, in the prosecution of the case. The Attorney General, for the very same reason a matador waves the red cloth before the eyes of the bull, presented "documentation" of my so-called prison "record" to every court wherein my case was adjudicated, as though it should be--and knowing that it should not be--given judicial consideration. One only has to read the various decisions rendered in the case to see that the Attorney General's unscrupulous and unprincipled tactics were effective, and accomplished his end. In every court wherein the case was adjudicated, the court made judicial observations with respect to my so-called "record".

Now, that the courts have upheld the judgement of death in the case, the State is contending, as it did in all the courts, on the basis of the so-called "record", a uni-

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lateral "record", presenting only one side of the story, as always, and doesn't even present that one side accurately or truthfully, that I have a punishment "Record" of many infractions of prison rules, that I am incorrigible, "a hardened killer," and therefore should be, and must be, put to death, exterminated--presumably for the "protection of society". The fact that the guard involved in the altercation has stated (as reported by Walter Winchell, over his Sunday evening news broadcast) that he, understandably, does not wish me to be executed is completely forgotten or ignored by the State.

Now, Sir, I assure you that I am not the kind or type of man my so-called "record" protrays me to be, nor am I the depraved beast the State contends that I am, I will not undertake to justify, excuse or rationalize my past prison conduct, for I would be one of the first to admit that I have not been a "model prisoner." But I will say, in all sincerity, that during the many years I've spent in prison, I've been conditioned-by necessity, by the law of the jungle-to be tough, to be hard, and at times, even to be mean. I've been forced to fight for my very existence, to employ every means at my disposal for survivial, I speak, Sir, the plain unvarnished truth. I've been cynically pitted not only against tough, vicious lifers, prisoners who who had no hope of ever being free, and therefore were willing to go to any length, including "putting another prisoner on the spot," to curry favor with the officials, and thus get a "good spot" to do their time, and end their lives on it: and against, as well, wild, young prisoners, striving to make themselves reputations as prison tough guys, but I have also been pitted against ignorant, prejudiced and brutal guards who resented and were antagonized by my independent spirit, my sense of dignity, and sense of justice, and who undertook to break my spirit, and to "teach me my place" as I was told. To accomplish this, I was often unjustly punished, often subjected to all manner of degrading, cruel and inhuman treatment; the "hole", the "lime cure," the "water treatment," the club, and other unspeakable inhumanities.

I first entered prison a young man (19) of high ideals and principles, during my formative years; during a period that might be appropriately termed the "dark age" of prisons and prison administration. Men were sent to prison in those days solely for the purpose of punishment--and they got just that. Little, if any, thought was given to helping the prisoner or to rehabilitate him. The only rule the prison officials knew or practiced in handling of the prisoners was the "rule of the club", the "lime cure", "the water treatment," and the "hole". The prisoner was treated in such a manner as to only bring out the worst in him, to arouse animal instincts; and he would, not infrequently, act and react more like wild, like some depraved beast, than a rational human being.

Those were the days of the con boss system. That is to say, the days when the con bosses ran the prison, and ruled with an iron hand. The con boss had as much power as the guard--and there were some con bosses who had far more power than guards. A con boss could and there were some that did, cause a prisoner's time to be pretty tough. A young prisoner, especially was subject to have his life made really miserable by the con boss unless he was willing and able to fight for his rights, or "draw commissaries" with which to pay off; or unless he was willing to pay off otherwise.

All records were recorded and kept by convicts who had the rating and power of con bosses. If a guard brought you before the captain for some infraction of the rules, the captain would give your card to one of his convict clerks and tell him to write the charge against you. If the "con" clerk happened to be of the opinion that you rated (had influential convict friends), or if he happened not to like the arresting guard, he would write the charge against you so as it would read as a misdemeanor. But, on the other hand, if the "con" clerk, for any number of reasons, should happen to dislike you, he would more than likely write a minor infraction as to read as a "major felony". Then again, if the infractor were willing and able to pay the price, there wouldn't be any charge enetered against him. It wasn't uncommon for a con boss to have a prisoner put in the hole in an effort to force him to submit to his lustful desire; or as payment to some guard for services rendered.

It was during this period, my early years in prison, during the "dark age" of prison administration, that most of my so-called prison "record" accrued, and cast the die for that which was to follow.

I had been in prison only a short time when I was charged with my first infraction of prison rules; it was for fighting with a prisoner for calling me a nigger. We were brought before Captain Carpenter, and I told him what the fight was. Imagine, if you can, my great surprise, and shock, when the captain said: "Well thats what you are, isn't it?" Can you imagine how I felt to have Captain Carpenter say such a thing to me, and to be forced to take it? His remark not only made me angry, but hurt me very deeply, and shamed me. But I could do nor say nothing about it. I then and there resolved that I would prove to the captain--and indeed, to the whole prison world around me--that I was a man, a man who could take unflinchingly anything, any punishment, any abuse he or his guards could inflict upon me, and still live to leave San Quentin a better man that he was. I do believe that something died in me that day; that a metamorphosis took place. That "Bob" Wells, the man so much has been said and written about, was born. And, due to many long years of ignorant, callous and inhuman treatment, and being forced to live under the law of the jungle, "Bob" Wells, for self-preservation, ruthlessly denied existence to Wesley Wells, the young man who entered prison with high ideals and principles; the young man who was unable to believe that the mere pigmentation of his skin was a badge of inferiority, warranting him with less common courtesy to dream of better things--of a chance in life, of a chance to develop a good mind, and to put it to useful work, to someday be a doctor--as was his mother's wish. After that, after the metamorphosis, for many long, dreadful years, Wesley Wells never had a chance.

After 38 months, I was transferred to Folsom. At that time, I was gain. I thought I would be treated as a man, and would be able to do my time and get out. But, oh, how wrong I was proven to be! Upon my arrival at Folsom I met Captain C. L. Larkin (who later became Warden), a very mountain of a man, weighing about 240 pounds, and about 6 feet 6 inches tall; and without a doubt, the cruelest, most vicious man I ever had the misfortune to meet, and be forced to live with. If there were any prisoner the captain disliked more than another, it was the young San Quentin transfer, who he said caused him all of his trouble. I was called to the Captain's office the first day I entered the prison, and Captain Larkin proceeded to lay down the law to me. "So you think you are a tough nigger, huh?" he said to me, "Well we have ways here to handle tough niggers." He then tells me, "I'll have you eating out of my hand before you leave here." And as I started out of his office, to wait on the "captain's line", as he told me to do, he kicked me viciously--just to convince me, I imagine, that he did "have ways to handle tough niggers". Well, that was my Folsom reception; and the battle between the captain and me was on, he to break me, and have me "eating out of his hand," as he said he would, and I just as determined to prove him wrong.

Though the racial discrimination in San Quentin was bad, it was ultra-democratic in comparison to that of Folsom. For example, most of the colored prisoners were housed in what was known as the "buzzard roost", in Number One Building; and were the last ones to enter the mess-hall. They had to stand against the mes hall wall and watch and wait until the complete prison body entered the mess-hall and was served, before they could enter the mess hall. Having been reared from an early age in West Los Angeles, in a rather democratic neighborhood, I found the racial discrimination of the prisons extremely galling, and due to my inability to submit to it without showing my resentment, I soon incurred the hostility of the prison officials in general, and aggravated the animosity of Captain Larkin in particular. I will not undertake to relate the many abuses, the many injustices, the cruel and inhuman treatment accorded me by the prison officials of Folsom, for to do so would necessitate me writing a book. But I feel it to be in the interest of justice and I would be unfair to my-



self were I to fail to apprise you of the following.

In 1944, less than six moths prior to the charge of possession of the knife, previously mentioned herein, I was attacked by a prisoner and stabbed nine times--practically everywhere but the bottom of my feet--while I stood within ten feet of a prison guard, and didn't have so much as a penknife with which to defend myself. I was carried to the prison hospital, and after much sewing and patching an emergency abdominal operation was performed upon me; and for days I laid in the hospital in what was said to be "a critical condition".

The day the doctor, Dr. J. F. McAnally, told me it would be alright for me to go to the washroom and do a little walking around, the Warden ordered that I be put in the hole; but the doctor would not allow it. The Warden then ordered that I be placed and confined in one of the hospital "rooms". I argued strongly against the move; and the doctor told me that I was right, that I was not in any condition to be in a "room" but that it was the warden's order. He then told me to go on in the "room" and he would have a talk with the warden. The next day I was moved back into the hospital ward. After about twenty-five days, when the steel clamps had been removed from my stomach, and the last stiches had been removed from my body, that very day the warden had me put in the hole..on a bread and water diet. After five or six days in the hole, the doctor was successful in prevailing upon the officials to feed me one meal a day.

In due course I was brought before the disciplinary committee, which was composed of the Warden, the Asso. Warden, and I think the third member was a lieutenant by the name of Duchanon. I was charged with and summarily "found guilty" of possession of a knife. Though no knife was ever taken from me, nor was one found near me, neither was I ever shown the knife I was supposed to have had. But I was "found guilty" and sentenced to 29 days in the hole, on bread and water--even though I was just out of the hospital.

During my "trial" a gun-guard who was in a gun-tower about 40 or 50 feet away from where I was attacked and stabbed, testified "that he saw the whole affair from beginning to end." The he saw my assailant attack me, that he saw me laying flat upon by back kicking, kicking for my very life at my assailant, who was standing over me, cutting and stabbing me. He testified that he saw all of this, yet he did not call out to anyone, he did not fire a shot, he did not blow his whistle, he did absolutely nothing to stop my assailant from killing me. And, when a guard did finally come to my rescue, and disarmed the would be killer, Associate Warden William J. Ryan questioned the guard, "Why did you stop him!?"

There were no criminal charges ever filed against my assailant, not even for possession of the knife. He was transferred to San Quentin, and given a parole shortly thereafter.

That, Sir, is the kind of treatment, the kind of protection, I was accorded and could expect from and by Folsom officials. Is it any wonder, I respectfully ask, that I felt that it was up to me and up to me alone to protect myself? Is it any wonder that two prison doctors, after lengthy interviews with me, just two days before the unfortunate affair with the guard, is it any wonder that they found that I was suffering from abnormal fear--years of fear--for my personal safety, is it any wonder? In substantiation of the doctors' findings, I wish to apprise you of one more incident, and then leave it up to you to decide as to whether or not there were any basis for the doctor's findings.

In 1945, Lieutenant Duchanon and several guards came to move me from one cell to another in the back alley. Guard Joe George arrived and told the other guards to leave, that he would, and did, move me to the cell. After I was in the cell, Lieutenant Duchanon then entered and began to jab me in the ribs and stomach with a long, heavy, steel-tipped walking cane. I grabbed a hold of one end of the cane, and with the Lieutenant holding onto the other end, we stood there arguing. Guard Joe George stood just inside of the cell, and listened and watched the arguement; guard Joe Nunns stood just outside of the cell and witnessed the whole affair. Guard O. L. Jenson roughly shoved guard Joe George aside and rushed into the cell and, with these words, "You black sonofabitch, you can't talk to my superior officer like that!" he struck me a cruel, vicious blow with his club over my left eye, laying it wide open, requiring several stitches to close. To justify the assault upon me, I was charged with: attempting to assault the lieutenant. When I was "tried" before a disciplinary composed of the Warden, the Associate warden and Lieutenant Duchanon, Guard Joe George testified that he was standing right in the cell doorway, and that he did not see me make any attempt to assault the lieutenant or anyone else. Later that day Dr. P. W. Day, the Chief Medical officer of the prison, questioned Guard Joe George as to just what had happened, and the surrounding circumstances, and was advised, as was the warden, that I had not raised my hands to strike anyone, that the assault upon me was cruel, unwarranted and unjustifiable. As the guard testified Dr. Day made notes. (Guard Joe Nunns testified to the same effect when I was tried in Sacramento for throwing and hitting the guard with the cuspidor.) Notwithstanding guards Nunns and Joe George's testimony, I was "found guilty", and sentenced to 29 days in the hole.

Well, Sir, what do you think? Was there any basis for the doctors findings? Would you say that I had cause to be in fear? I have related only a few of such incidents as above mentioned, there were many more that I would like to tell you of, which my so-called "record" give no account of. They are recorded, however, in my medical record, a record that you will find very informative, therefore, I urge that you read it. To enable you to better understand and to be able to appreciate somwhat of what I went through in Folsom, the physical and mental suffering, what a "hell-on-earth" my life was, I quote from a couple of letters, one written in October, 1944, to the Adult Authority, and the other one to Mr. Philip C. Wilkins, my attorney, shortly after my arrival here on condemned row, in 1947. First, the Adult Authority letter:

"...My purpose in writing you this brief of my life is intended to serve you, the members of the Adult Authority, in aiding me, fixing my term and the like; and so I present not as a defense, especially, but at least, as an explanation of the events which have occurred during my time...

"I made every effort to live down my reputation, but it was a hopeless task. I had "cast the die," so to speak, and the inmates intended to see that the "cast" was not changed. The officials were determined to "change me;" they applied treatment to bring about the desired "change" that was abusive, and at times downright inhuman, that only resulted in arousing my defiance. One time the former captain, and later Warden, told me that I was a tough nigger, that he would have me eating out of his hand before I was out of Folsom...After twelve years and seven months of imprisonment under very trying, and at times adverse conditions, I obtained my release, with the aid of former Warden C. I. Plummer, who had showed marked interest in me since he first was appointed warden at this prison. I sincerely doubt whether I would have ever lived to be free had it not been for the interest of Warden Plummer."

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SCEF ORGANIZERS PUT FASCIST CITY ON TRIAL

Gainesville, Florida--A three-judge panel of the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that six local militants are entitled to a bearing on whether city officials acted in bad faith by bringing charges of arson, inciting a riot, and resisting arrest against them.

In effect, the ruling opens the way for the militants to put the city on trial.

The six had charged that city officials --including the mayor, sheriff, police chief and city manager--brought the charges in an attempt to harass them and stop them from organizing. The officials filed affidavits before Judge Harrold Carswell, formerly of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida, claiming that they did not act in bad faith. Judge Carswell denied the militants a bearing.

Judges Orrie Phillips, Griffin B. Bell and Lewis R. Morgan, the two latter from Georgia, reversed Carswell's decision. They said that the city officials gave no new information in their affidavits, and that no facts were presented so that the trial court could arrive at its own conclusions. They ordered an evidentiary hearing to see if the appellants can prove their charges, which are based on the landmark Dombrowski decision.

Under Dombrowski, a judge can stop persecutions that would have a "chilling effect" on the exercise of first-amendment freedoms. In the past, civil-rights attorneys have used it mainly to strike down invalid statutes. With this ruling, its reach is broadened to attack valid statutes which have been invalidly applied.

"Officials can never deny you a hearing now by merely saying: "We didn't act in bad faith," said Atty. William M. Kunstler, who represented the militants. "The ruling means that in all these cases you're entitled to an evidentiary hearing--which means that we can try the city.

"We are now making a motion for an evidentiary hearing to be held in the city of Gainesville."

Kunstler and Atty. Bill Bender, the Law Center for Constitutional Rights, filed the suit in April, 1968, to stop the prosecution of 5 black Gainesville leaders on charges of arson, two other Florida militants on charges of inciting a riot, and of Mrs. Carol Thomas, a white woman charged with resisting arrest. All have spent many months in jail during the last one and a half years.



TWO FACES OF FASCISM

The repression of the Black Panther Party in America is tantamount to Babi-Yar. Not yet three years old, and some 15 members have been murdered by the fascist pigs. And now these tactics have become more carnage. The murder of Alex Rackley was the work of cold blooded Fascist Murder by the Fascist pigs of Connecticut. The arrest of the N.Y. 21 was the initiation of brazen fascist war on the Black Panther Party, the murder of Alex Rackley is the open lane for fascist repression against all the organizations that demand free speech and self determination. History reminds us of the burning of the Reichstag records, the MacCarthy era during the political repression of the C.P.U.S.A. If the ignominious crimes of the fascist regimes are not met with an alliance of Workers, Students, Liberals and Progressive Democrats the future of America will reflect the heinous crime of Fascist Germany. How different are the ideas and philosophy of Governor Reagan and Adolph Hitler, from my point of view it is only accentuation. They wrest control of human lives under the hammer of Law and Order which is a Fascist philosophy, resounding in the black communities, college campuses by pigs and school administrators on a national level. The murder of Alex Rackley was a calculated plot to animalize the members of the Black Panther Party in order to justify their perfidious attacks against the Black Panther Party. If allowed to go on in the manner of unbridled Fascist terror, this will be the green light for neo-fascism in America.



We cannot depend on the Fascist press to give a true account of the persecution of our Party, its columns assure us that the "great American democracy is immune to Fascism. People who recognize Fascism for what it is in a country 3,000 miles away, frequently fail to identify it when it develops in their own country under their very noses. They mechanically seek to identify fascism by the garments which it wears in other countries and are unable to recognize it when it wears new clothes.

In the United States, for instance, there are many people who on the basis of Sunday-supplement accounts of Hitler and Musolini refuse to see the growth of fascism, unless it takes the shape of a Man on Horseback riding down Pennsylvania Avenue, or a megalomaniac with a little mustache, making speeches in a big voice. But history is richer and more varied. It does not follow stereotyped formulae. Fascism takes on diverse, and frequently subtle, forms.

The Black Panther Party recognizes it for what it is in America. The demagogic politician, the avaricious businessman and the fascist pig cops: ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Chief of Staff
David Hilliard

PETITION STATEMENT FOR COMMUNITY CONTROL OF POLICE

SUMMARY OF POLICE CONTROL AMENDMENT THAT MUST BE ESTABLISHED IN THE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES OF AMERICA TO END FASCISM

This amendment to a City charter would give control of the police to community elected neighborhood councils so that those whom the police should serve will be able to set police policy and standards of conduct.

The amendment provides for community control of the police by establishing police departments for the major communities of any city; the Black community, the predominately White area, the Mexican American Communities, etc., etc. The departments would be separate and autonomous. They can by mutual agreement use common facilities. Each Department will be administered by full time police commissions. (Not single police chiefs.) The Commissioners are selected by a Neighborhood Police Control Council composed of fifteen members from that community elected by those who live there. Each department shall have five Community Council divisions within it. (Or number of departments ratioed to population.)

The Councils shall have the power to discipline officers for breaches of Department policy or violations of law. (Against the people). They may direct their police Commissioner to make changes in department wide police policy by majority vote of the said department commissioners. The Council can recall the Commissioner appointed by it at any time it finds that he is no longer responsive to the community. The community can recall the council members when they are not responsive to it.

All police officers must live in the department they work in, and will be hired accordingly.

FASCIST FORCES MOVE NATIONWIDE TO DESTROY BLACK PANTHER PARTY



LONNIE MC LUCAS

When the oppressor makes a vicious attack against freedom fighters because of the way that such freedom fighters choose to go about their liberation, then we know we are moving in the direction of our liberation.

—Huey P. Newton

The Black Panther party is under nationwide attack, in a concerted government effort to destroy gains the Panthers have made in black communities. In a June 5 press conference, Bobby Seale, Black Panther party chairman, said more than 40 Panther leaders have been arrested in the last two months. The Panthers have lost key people in Oregon, Connecticut, Colorado, New Jersey and California. Seale termed these arrests "nothing more than Richard Nixon's operations."

Seale's figure of 40 did not include the indictment of 21 Panthers in New York City on April 3. They were charged with conspiring to bomb several department stores, blow up the Bronx Botanical Gardens, several police stations and a section of railroad tracks. This was the high point of a New York police vendetta which has brought 60 charges against Panthers in the last 10 months. There have been no convictions.

Thirteen of the Panther 21 are currently being held on $100,000 bail each in seven New York prisons under maximum security. They are kept in lighted cells 24 hours a day, they are allowed no recreation or library privileges, and have not been permitted to meet as a group with their lawyers, Gerry Lefcourt and William Kuntsler, to prepare their defense.

Under these conditions and with hostile nationwide publicity, the Panther 21 are guaranteed a prejudiced trial if it is held, as scheduled, on June 11. Defense lawyers have asked a federal court for a show-cause hearing which would force the state commissioner of corrections to release the prisoners, to lower their bail or to show that no injustice or violation of procedures has taken place which would deny them a fair trial.

There have been 10 hearings on bail reduction for the 21. Lonnie Epps, a minor, had his bail reduced to $10,000 and was released. A "friendly" bailbondsman told one Panther, "I got a call from DA Phillips saying that I would lose my license to do business if I bailed out the Panthers."

The government has used the Panther 21 case to bust and harass Panther chapters all over the country. In New Haven, Conn. on May 22, eight members of a chapter just being formed were arrested and charged with kidnapping and murdering a New York Panther who, the police claim, was going to testify against the Panther 21.

Raids a pretext

Panther offices in Chicago, Denver and Salt Lake City have been raided by police and FBI agents looking for New York and New Haven "fugitives." Local authorities have tried to use these raids to turn community opinion against the Panthers. The raids have also been pretexts for police confiscation of Panther organizing material, money and whatever else was portable.

In New Haven, Conn. police claim eight local Panthers kidnaped Alix Rackley from New York and murdered him in New Haven. Rackley, the cops say, was to testify against the Panther 21. The New York Panther office says Rackley was an excellent organizer who had close contact with the people of Harlem. "Brother Alix was murdered by the pigs and now eight Panthers have been framed on trumped-up charges and are being held captive without bail."

On June 3, Chicago police and FBI agents with machine guns forced their way into Panther headquarters, claiming they were looking for "George Sams, a fugitive from New York." Eight Panthers were arrested, charged with harboring a federal fugitive and illegal possession of weapons.

Two days later in Denver, Rory Hithe, 18, and Landon Robert Williams, 25, were arrested for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution. They were taken into custody at Panther headquarters and charged with being involved in the New Haven case. Bail for each was set at $200,000.

Another Panther allegedly involved in the case was arrested in Salt Lake City June 6. Lonnie McLucas, 23, was charged with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution and had bail set at $100,000.

On the night of June 7 about 400 black people gathered in the street outside the Indianapolis Black Panther party office. Three cops in a patrol car tried to disperse the crowd. The cops claim they were attacked.

Police used the gathering as a pretext for entering the Panther office and busting everyone present. About half of the 30 persons arrested were Panthers. The incident happened on the second night of disturbances in Indianapolis, in which about 200 blacks have been arrested and six injured. One undercover agent was reportedly wounded by a sniper.

These raids on the Panthers are being used in New York to prejudice the public against the Panther 21. The press reports each bust with blaring headlines, although the Panthers here have never been found guilty on any charge. The press never mentions the Panther's 10-point political program or the fact that they are setting up free medical care services and free breakfasts for school children. We never hear that the Panthers say, "We want land, bread, housing, education, justice and peace;" instead we hear trumped-up charges, ridiculous stories and enormous bail figures.

Action is being taken to publicize the real nature of the nationwide move against the Panthers. A series of demonstrations have been held in New York, the most recent on June 3 at the federal courthouse, where 200 people showed up.

Two of the Panther 21—Joan Bird and Afeni Shakur—and two Panthers arrested on other charges are being held at the Women's House of Detention, 6th Avenue and West 10th Street. The Ad Hoc Committee to Support the Panther 21 has called for a demonstration there on June 14 at 1 p.m.

In New Haven, members of Yale SDS distributed a leaflet stating, "The charges against the New Haven Panthers, which have been trumped up by the government and police, are intended to intensify race hatred by playing upon the lies and myths instilled in white people by the educational system and the mass media."

The Panthers have called for a national conference of revolutionaries to form a United Front Against Fascism. The conference will be held July 18-21 in Oakland, Calif. The Panthers expect 5000 participants and the call to the conference stresses the need for "a front which has a common revolutionary ideology and political program which answers the basic desires and needs of all people in fascist, capitalistic, racist America. Primary objective will be *community control of police to end fascism.*"

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CONNECTICUT PANTHERS



PEGGY HUDGINS



ERICA HUGGINS



WARREN KIMBRO



MAUDE FRANCIS



JEANNIE WILSON



ROSE SMITH



FRANCIS CARTER

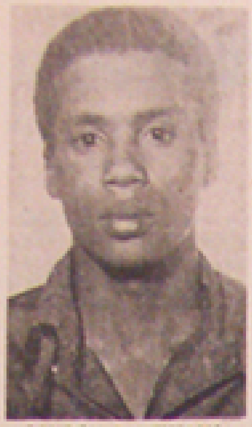


GEORGE EDWARDS

FASCISM

Fascism is the open terrorist dictatorship of the most reactionary, most chauvinistic (racist) and most imperialist elements of finance capital. It does not stand above both classes - the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, nor is it super-class government, nor government of the petty-bourgeoisie or the lumpen proletariat over finance capital. Fascism is the power of finance capital itself. FINANCE CAPITAL manifests itself not only as banks, trusts, and monopolys, but also as the human property of FINANCE CAPITAL - the avaricious businessman, the demagogic politician, and the racist pig cop. FASCISM is the organization of terrorist vengence against the working class, and the revolutionary section of the peasantry and intelligentsia.

CAPITALISM PLUS RACISM EQUALS FASCISM



LANDON R. WILLIAMS



RORY B. HITHE

POLITICAL PRISONERS

Rory Hithe and Landon Williams are political prisoners held in jail in Denver Colorado on charges of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution. The brothers were arrested when fascist FBI and Denver pigs vamped on the Denver Black Panther Party headquarters with guns and machine guns. These brothers are held in isolation cells because they refuse to work, they refuse to submit to super-exploitation while they are in the fascist jail. They are on a diet of bread and water. They are not allowed to the human privilege of taking a shower. They have no commissary priviledges. Their families can spend only 15 minutes visiting time with them. That 15 minutes is spent talking through a telephone which is partitioned off by a glass wall.

Landon Williams has a seven week old baby girl whom he is more interested in than being in a fascist concentration camp.

'The spirit of a Panther is greater than the man's jail.'

DYNAMITE

BOILING POT OF FASCISM

By elevating my consciousness to the revolutionary level, I have come to realize the fascism all around me. I have come to recognize the San Joaquin Valley for the plantation that it is. In becoming a revolutionary, I recognize who the plantation owners are. They are the rich farmers who control the San Joaquin Valley, who have argued for the idea of industrializing the San Joaquin Valley for years. It must be pointed out that the puppet politicians stood up for the peoples' rights only after repeatedly being reminded by the poor and working masses.

In accessing this in seeing how these fascists have neglected black people, their community and its schools, I have broken off from this present governmental system. And I say to all the other slaves on this plantation, 'Declare yourselves in a state of rebellion as I have done. Unite and we will join with the struggle that is going on around the world to end colonialism!

And in conclusion to my analysis of the San Joaquin Valley and Fresno, its largest city, I find that it is a boiling pot of racism. Toms fly around the shit-smelling poverty programs getting money that smells with the stench of the deceit of the masses into thinking they have something to hope for in the present day governmental system. They fly around these programs like so many flies around fresh shit. I say this, the government should serve the people and if it doesn't, off the government!

And since the San Joaquin Valley greatly exudes all of the qualities of fascism, I say it and all its fascist inhabitants should be dealt with by any means necessary.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE.
DOWN WITH THE LANDOWNERS.
DeWayne A. Williams, Jr.
Lt. of Information, Fresno

OPEN LETTER:

TO A POLITICAL PRISONER

TO: Landon Robert Williams:

The fascist pigs think they've taken you away from the revolution don't they? They thought that they had taken Malcolm away, but he's here. He's here in the teachings of Huey P. Newton. They thought they had taken Huey away, but he's here; the Vanguard, the Black Panther Party IS Huey P. Newton. Fools, they can't see that you, "Bunchy", John, Eldridge, and all other revolutionaries are all manifestations of Malcolm and Huey. This just goes to show the low level of intelligence of the stupid, fascist, capitalistic power structure. Those of you (N.Y. 21, Conn. 8 etc.) have fought for the people, taught the people and are now incarcerated as political prisoners, you will continue doing these things.

Chairman Mao says that "A revolutionary should have largeness of mind and he should be staunch and active, looking upon the interests of the revolution as his VERY LIFE and subordinating his personal interests to those of the revolution; ALWAYS and EVERYWHERE he should adhere to principles and wage a TIRELESS struggle against all incorrect ideas and actions. He should be more concerned about the party and the masses than about any individual (be it wife, mother, child) and more concerned about others than himself. Only then can he be considered a revolutionary."

John Huggins, and Alprentice "Bunchy" Carter and many other brothers have sacrificed much more than freedom for the people, they have given their lives out of love. Love for the people. The revolution is your life, so therefore you must continue to educate oppressed people. You will educate your brothers in jail, because if they were not oppressed they wouldn't be there. "We revolutionaries are like seeds and the people like soil. Wherever we go, we must unite with the people, take root and blossom among them." ---Chairman Mao

Your absence from this "jail," a sham for a country called the United States of America, will be manifested by all revolutionaries in many different ways, all presenting a UNITED FRONT against this overt and blatantly fascist country which only displayed a little of its true nature on you. Shackled like a slave bound to his master. Fuck that shit. Shackled only in body, not in mind, spirit nor in soul, always a Panther and a servant of the people.

You have a 5 week old daughter Kijana Melieke, who has been instilled with revolutionary principles. This was inborn in her from revolutionary parents through practice in a revolutionary environment. She was born a revolutionary and will die one; the first of a new generation whose minds will not be conditioned by this power structure. A counter-revolutionary she cannot be. The people, and I will not tolerate it. Long may she and all others like her live to carry out the needs and desires of the people.

This, as all the other jive ass busts, makes me mad and even more so, makes me realize the desperate need of the people to free themselves from this beast. As your wife I say, "I love you and miss you, but with your incarceration, we are one step closer to overthrowing this fascist regime.

The RED BOOK is my bible, the GUN my staff.
VICTORY TO THE PEOPLE!
VICTORY IS OURS!
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!
LONG LIVE THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE !
Ora Williams



A CASE FOR BROTHER HUEY

The wanton slaying of a white man by Los Angeles pigs recently presents a case for Minister of Defense Huey P. Newton, and show a reckless disregard for human life inherent in the attitudes and acts of the assassins in blue.

When Brother Huey was accused of killing one of Oakland's paid assassins during an obvious attempt by them to assassinate him, no one dared believe that cops would shoot one another while acting in a ruthless and reckless fashion. When the question as to whether Brother Huey killed whether the cops actually shot one another and wounded the brother in their effort to murder him because of his revolutionary stance, which posed a serious threat to the reactionary, imperialistic United States, few dared think it and apparently none dared believe it. Those doubtful persons should now revaluate the circumstances surrounding Brother Huey's plight, especially in view of the L.A. slaying, for this murder raises some very serious and definite questions and should better serve to give greater insight into the psychology at work in the fascist police departments of America: the impulsive desire to kill.

In the L.A. killing, which occurred June 11, 29-year-old Donald Lee Oughton, a white man, was gunned down as he apparently sought to produce identification for two fascist pigs who stopped him allegedly as a suspect in reported sniping on the Hollywood freeway. Early reports had it that Oughton had exchanged gunfire with blue-clad assassins who had gone to an overpass, where a sniper reportedly had fired rifle shots at passing cars, but it was later determined that Oughton was unarmed.

Oughton had apparently been rushing home to view a regular weekly wrestling program on television when the two pigs, Norman P. O'Malley and rookie cop Henry Kennedy, spotted him rushing along several blocks from the freeway.

"All of a sudden, without any apparent notice, he slowed to a walk," a spokesman for the assassins said. When ordered to do so, Oughton stopped and approached O'Malley and Kennedy, who alighted from their car and positioned themselves about him.

Oughton is reported to have turned and reached for his back pocket.

"Watch out, he's got a gun!" rookie Kennedy is to have yelled, without ever seeing a weapon or anything that appeared to be one. At this Kennedy drew and fired, missing Oughton and striking O'Malley in the left index finger. O'Malley was standing behind Oughton--O'Malley should have been able to see that the man had no gun--and Kennedy in fron of him,



AP Wirephoto

DONALD L. OUGHTON
The victim

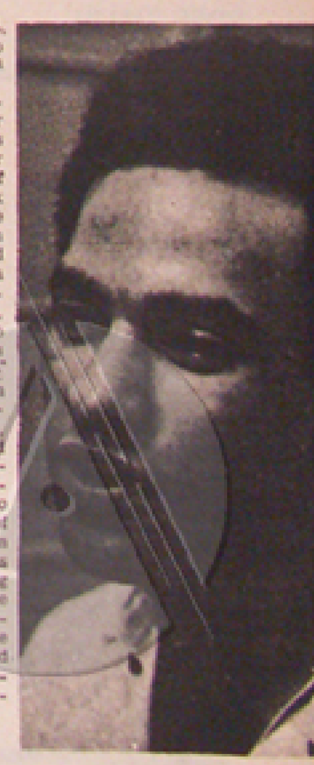
O'Malley pulled his gun and shot Oughton dead, reportedly believing that Oughton had shot him.

The slain man's mother said her son always carried a card in his pocket with his name and address on it because of a speech handicap he had. She said he must have been reaching for it when he was slain.

"My son doesn't own a gun, and never carried a gun," she said.

A search of the area turned up neither a gun nor evidence of a sniper.

One need not be prejudiced in behalf of the Black Panther Minister of Defense, or be down on cops to see that there are very similar aspects in this case and that of Brother Huey. One need only look at the proven weaknesses of the nation's police system, a system that has been recently recognized by some men in government as a growing and most threatening political force in the life of America. This alway comes about prior to an all out fascist take-over, as is apparent here in the Huey P. Newton case, the slaying of Martin Luther King Jr., and the persecution and murder of Malcolm X, and the persecution and attempted murder of the Minister of Information of the Black Panther Party, Eldridge Cleaver, all of who threatened the smooth success of the total advent of fascism. In the eve of fascism, the fascists always become much more daring in their acts against the people because there stands none to oppose them, and those who do rise in opposition are either silenced or killed. Witness what is happening to the Black Panther Party on a national scale.







Agents Leave Their Scar

Bobby Rush, (left), Deputy Minister of Defense for the Illinois Black Panther Party and Russ Meek, chairman of the Black Impeachment Committee (center) look down at debris on floor of Panther office, 2350 W. Madison, after FBI agents broke in and arrested six persons. Unidentified man (right) shows Daily Defender photographer door that agents broke through to get into Panther headquarters (Daily Defender photos by Ted Bell).

HARASSMENT OF ILLINOIS PANTHERS

On June 4, Wednesday at 5:15 a.m., FBI agents, aided by local pigs, vamped on the Illinois Chapter Office of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY. By 5:15, when the brothers realized what was happening, there were about 30 pigs on the roof of the office and next door. The officer of the day was informed that the pigs were on the phone. One brother, Allen Bruce Dixon, broke down the door where the guns were kept and he and two others started loading them up. Pigs were outside with a bullhorn telling them they had 60 seconds that they (pigs) would start using tear gas. The two sisters that were in the office started getting rags and gas - masks ready. The pigs had an area of 2 miles barricaded off from people and cars.

The Officer of the Day then realized that the streets and roof were infested with pigs and ordered all out of the building. While brother Larry was coming out of the office a pig tried to come in and he kicked the door closed. The Officer of the Day realized that two brothers were still in the building. He got a bullhorn and ordered them out. Before the eight were taken away they saw about 15 FBI agents entering the building. FBI agents ransacked the Westside office. They confiscated seven rifles, two shotguns, boxes of ammunition, destroyed a mimeograph machine, and confiscated four typewriters. Also taken was $3,000 in cash and checks. The majority of the money was for the free medical clinic and the political prisoner defense fund. Over 5,000 essays of Huey, several hundred petitions to free Fred, red books, and other educational supplies were taken. Records were confiscated. The walls of the office were stripped of pictures and posters, desk drawers were taken out of the office. Propaganda that was to go out that morning was also taken. Paint (black) and cereal was thrown all over the second floor. Food for BFC was ripped open and scattered throughout the building. The pigs, who were heavily armed with machine guns, shotguns, bullet-proof vests, hand weapons of all calibers, and a helicopter, took the following people into custody:

1. Patrick Keen, charged with harboring a fugitive -- $4,000 bond, 3-5 years, released on recognizance bond.

2. Bruce Allen Dixon (education cadre) charged with harboring a fugitive, released on $4,000 bond, recognizance

3. Larry Roberson (security) was charged the same as above; released on recognizance.

4. Andrea Graves (registered nurse/health cadre) charged with harboring a fugitive, $3,000 bond; released same as above.

5. Georgia Washington (secretary/ distribution) charged same as Andrea.

6. Harvey Holt (security); same charge, released on recognizance.

7. Jessie Ward (education cadre) same charge, released on signature.

8. Lockett Bibbs (section leader) same charge, released on

The FBI claims they were looking for George Sam Jr. No such person was found in the building. The pigs never told the eight inside what they wanted; they just shouted for all to come out before they lobbed tear gas in. No warrant was ever presented. Community residents estimated that more than 500 pigs cordoned off a 5 square block (2 mile) area. Everyone goes to court on June 20th, U.S. Commissioner, Federal Building.

On June 10, 1969, Tuesday; sixteen major indictments were levied on 16 Illinois Panthers by the Cook County Grand Jury. Edward V. Hanrahan immediately had arrest warrants issued for the sixteen. They are:

1. Frederick Allen Hampton-Deputy Chairman of the Illinois Chapter of the BPP: charged with aggravated kidnapping; bond standing $100,000. Chairman Fred is being held at Menard Prison, sentenced from 2-5 years on an ice cream robbery. He has not been brought to bond reduction court as of yet.

2. William N. O'Neal-rank and file member picked up the same day. Charged with kidnapping and unlawful use of weapons.

3. Richard Powel, picked up the same day, charged with conspiracy to kidnap.

4. James White, charged with kidnapping, illegal use of weapons.

5. David Valentine, charged with conspiracy to kidnap, illegal use of weapons.

Also, 10 people are being sought by the pigs , mostly for the crimes of kidnapping and illegal possession of weapons.

We see the indictments as a calculated move to destroy the leadership of the Illinois Chapter of the Black Panther Party. After the imprisonment of Deputy Chairman Fred Hampton failed to stop the programs of the Party, pig states attorney Edward V.(Vulture) Hanrahan has tried everything in his power to destroy the party. Through the news media, Hammerhead Hanrahan is trying to portray the Party as a gang of criminals, dangerous to the people and not their friends as we righteously are. We are combatting this tendency with an increase in daily propaganda and an increase in sales of newspapers. We are trying to put a newsletter together to combat the daily racism perpetuated by the city newspapers.

The Justice Department admitted to the newspaper that they are carrying out intensive investigation into the activities of the Party. Since the former gangs have turned into political groups threatening the home rule of Daley's and the government political structure, the Grand Jury has been working day and night to frame all political groups and individual revolutionaries. The Grand Jury is conducting investigations into the former gang's activities and into the political groups that are putting together programs to aid the communities. Gang warfare has been brought to a halt.

Several members of the Young Lords have been indicted, including chairman Cha-Cha Jimenez who has gone into hiding. The pigs are trying everything to co-opt the members. It isn't working. They want no part of the power structure.

Deputy Chairman Fred was moved from Statesville to Menard Prison. They moved him on June 3rd without notifying his attornies or his family. They are trying to keep him from the people and the party. No appeal bond has been issued. He was never brought to court to have the bond lowered. He has been indicted for aggravated kidnapping. The charge carries a sentence of the electric chair. The attornies are working hard on the case.

We are seeing to it that every living soul knows about the frame-up and the attempts to destroy the party. Thousands of petitions are being sent out. Donations will be solicited all across the Midwest. The section leaders are going to start teaching classes in their sections that the community can attend. New center for the Breakfast and Lunch for Children Programs are being sought. We are intensifying the struggle on all levels. As revolutionaries, we understand the two most important things in a people's struggle are leadership (the vanguard) and the active support of the people. We will combat the pigs' attempts to destroy the vanguard, imprison the youth and deceive the people.

A Pig Is Nothing But An Enemy Soldier!

Lt. Eugene Charles, Information
Illinois Chapter, Information

THE GOVERNMENT VERSUS FRED HAMPTON AND THE PEOPLE -- AN EXAMPLE OF CONTRADICTIONS

I. THE JURY

Although it is said that every defendant has a right to a trial by a jury of his peers, Fred Hampton was tried by a jury which was selected from a list including few poor black young people; even the blacks on the list were for the most part thrown out by the State's Attorney.

Although a defendant is supposed to have the right to dismiss jurors who are prejudiced against him, Fred Hampton was allowed to probe for prejudice only by asking potential jurors questions in the presence of each other, so that each juror quickly learned from the answers of prior jurors what was the acceptable answer to questions on prejudice.

II. THE TESTIMONY

Although witnesses are not supposed to be allowed to unduly inflame the passion and sympathy of the jurors, the ice cream man who testified against Fred Hampton was allowed to testify in an army uniform.

Although jurors, in judging the credibility of witnesses, are to take into account the content and manner of the witness' testimony, the jury that tried Fred Hampton ignored the many inconsistencies and "I don't know" answers of the ice cream man.

Although police officers are public officials whose duty is to protect the innocent by thorough investigations of cases and truthful testimony in court, Officer Duffy who testified against Fred Hampton, has a long record of personal vendettas and many harassments against Fred Hampton; and Officer Duffy committed perjury during the sentencing hearing on Fred Hampton, thus further destroying the cr dibility of his testimony.

Although the ice cream man was sworn to tell the truth, he testified that Fred Hampton simultaneously stomped on his chest and tried to choke him, a physical impossibility, and he also testified that when he pointed out Fred Hampton as the offender, Fred Hampton was wearing a shirt with a foot print of the ice cream man on it, but that shirt and foot print were never introduced into evidence.



Fred Hampton, Chairman, Illinois Black Panther Party

III. THE JUDGE:

Although Judge Sidney A. Jones, Jr. is under oath to uphold his constitutional duty to be fair and impartial during a trial and to disqualify himself if he is unable to be fair and impartial, he tried Fred Hampton at a time when the judge's job was at stake because of the judge's finding not guilty a hoodlum who had run over a child.

Although Judge Jones took responsibility for his decision in the child death case, he stated that he could take no responsibility for granting bail for Fred Hampton, who was accused not of killing children, but of taking ice cream bars for them.

IV THE LEGAL SYSTEM

Although justice is, in legal theory, based upon the truth, Fred Hampton's trial illustrates how it is in fact based upon the stories of the State's witnesses, who can easily be taught to tell the stories so as to make it impossible for the defense to prove incompleteness, inaccuracies and lies.

Although the State has at its command immense investigative and lawyer resources, Fred Hampton had only himself and an attorney who agreed to represent him for fee.

Although the real issue in Fred Hampton's trial was the racism of the ice cream man, the police and the jury, the legal system precludes the raising of these issues by strict rules of relevancy and stringent limits on what constitutes proof.

Although Americans admire such legendary figures as Robin-Hood, the criminal law penalizes severely even those, such as Fred Hampton, who are accused, tried and convicted without proof of being Robin Hoods.

Although the legal system is theoretically neutral about a person's politics (e.g. a person cannot be held to answer in court about his ballots), Fred Hampton was tried, convicted and sentenced solely because of his politics and most especially because of his efforts to build power among poor people which is a threat to those who control the legal system (i.e., Mayor Daley, who effectively appoints and fires judges, prosecutors, and police officers).

Although the law is theoretically enforced equally against all citizens, the prosecutor and the police have in fact unbridled discretion to choose who is arrested and charged and what they are charged for, a discretion exercised to find a way, among the government's arsenal of "criminal laws," for putting Fred Hampton in jail.

V THE VERDICT

Although a People's trial in which the transcript of the government's trial was used for evidence, found Fred Hampton innocent, the government's trial found him guilty.

VI THE SENTENCING

Although the law requires that a judge base his sentence on the "moral character" of the defendant, Judge Jones asked not about Fred Hampton's activities on behalf of poor people, but only about whether he attended church, had a good paying job, and lived at home with his parents.

Although the defendant's political beliefs are not lawfully relevant to how long a sentence he is given, Prosecutor McGee was permitted to inquire into Fred Hampton's political beliefs.

Although the minimum sentence would normally be one year for a youthful first offender found guilty of an unarmed robbery, Fred Hampton was sentenced to a minimum of two years and a maximum of five years.

VII BAIL PENDING APPEAL

Although the law and constitution clearly allow for a defendant to be admitted to bail pending a final determination by an appellate court that his trial was legally held, Fred Hampton was denied bail.

Although judges usually consider when they are deciding whether to grant bail, the defendant's record of convictions (Fred Hampton had only a $25 fine on his record), the defendant's past record in appearing for scheduled court dates (Fred Hampton never missed one, and he has always turned himself in, upon learning of outstanding warrants against him), the defendant's ties in the community (Fred Hampton's life and work is centered in the Chicago area), Judge Jones denied Fred Hampton bail without even inquiring into these facts.

Although Officer Nuccio who was convicted for the murder of Ronald Nelson and although all of those convicted for the murder of Jerome Huey are all walking the streets, free on bail pending the outcome of the appeal in their cases, Fred Hampton, convicted of stealing ice cream for children, is imprisoned while his appeal is pending.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

The Pigs here in Milwaukee have started showing their asses, during the past week.

On three occassions, cars containing Panther members were stopped on jive motions. No arrests, just harassment.

Thirty six pigs came down on 17 Panthers and others from the community who were filling an uncovered hole in the street, the scene of three separate accidents involving young black children.

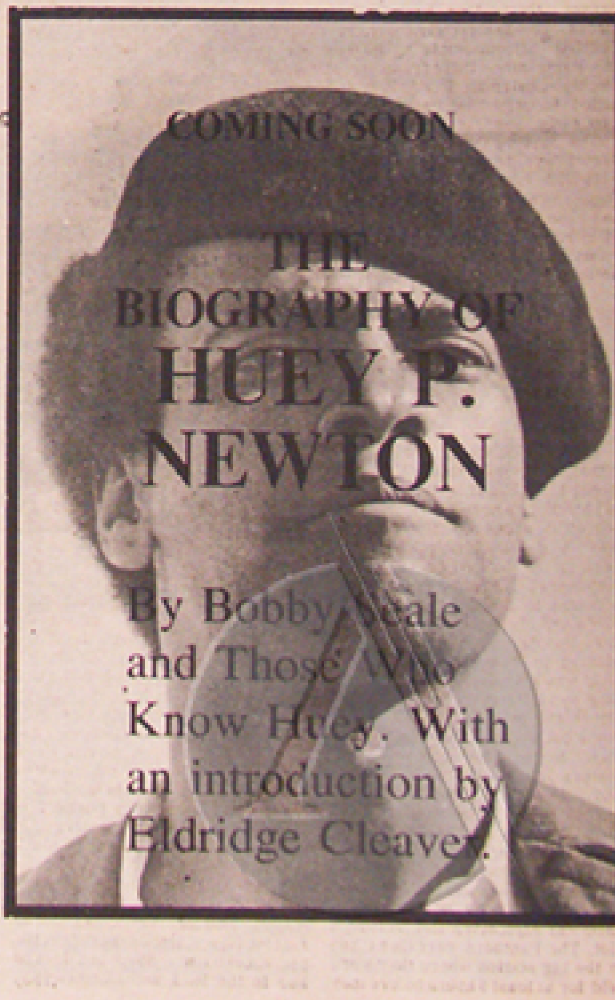
The pigs pulled maneuvres around our headquarters all night on Jun 6. At one point they knocked on the door and asked for "the leader" to come out and answer a citizen's complaint. After waiting about 5 minutes the pigs (8 car loads) drove away. We weren't prepared to deal with a vamp, but, within 20 minutes the area was filled with brothers and sisters from all around who heard there was potential trouble. The pigs were stopping people that tried to leave the area, up to 4 blocks away. The pigs finally left the area at 2:15 a.m. The people left at 4:00 a.m.

Felix Welch, acting Field Lieutenant was arrested and, charged with disorderly conduct for attempting to organize a group of so-called radicals who were sitting in to protest the conviction of the Milwaukee 14, a group of Draft Resistance people charged with breaking into the Selective Service Center and burning draft records.

We initiated a ren strike, forcing an absentee landlord who had until now, refused to make repairs etc. When he saw our name endorsing the strike, he agreed to make repairs, and started immediately. All power to the two sisters that dealt with it.

Since the re-organizing of the Milwaukee Branch of the Party we have tripled circulation from 600 to 1800 papers and, are looking toward 5,000 as soon as papers become more available. There is also a new community awareness about the Party and, we're forming coalitions with the Brown Berets, Chicanos and young Puerto- Ricans, similar to the coalition in Chicago.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
FREE HUEY
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS
WISCONSIN BPP



SAN DIEGO MURDER

At about 3:30 p.m. on May 23rd, in San Diego, California, Lt. John ther Party was murdered by a whitewashed Karangatang. A member of US organization led by Ron (Everett) Karenga. Mr. Karenga, better known as pork chop, is leading his culturalized pork chops in a futile attempt to destroy the Black Panther Party. These bubu wearing baboons have struck repeatedly at the black vanguard. As a strong supporter of the Black Panther Party, I can see no reason why these modernized house niggers have not been exterminated. We, the black masses, should rise to fight and destroy the exploiters of the black liberation struggle. We, the oppressed people of the world must unite and fight those who oppress us. We must join together in our just fight for freedom. We must fight fascism.

LONG LIVE THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE
BLACK POWER TO BLACK PEOPLE
PANTHER POWER TO THE VANGUARD
ALL POWER TO THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF THE WORLD
OFF THE PIG

Onyango Shabazz
Supporter of the Black Panther Party
Los Angeles, California
Fascist America



Bobby Rush, Illinois Deputy Minister of Defense for the Black Panther Party, informed the Daily Defender last weekend that he had received information that the U.S. government was beginning a crackdown on the party in an effort to "exterminate" them. Since then, several party headquarters across the country have been raided by FBI agents, including the Chicago office, and on Tuesday, 16 local party members were indicted by a grand jury.

FASCIST PIGS RELEASE ALL OUT REPRESSION AGAINST THE PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLE'S ARMY

The major indictments returned by the Cook County Grand Jury against the Black Panther Party were a concerted effort by the federal government to destroy the leadership of the people's vanguard. But like their efforts in the past, these reactionaries have proven themselves to be paper tigers. The fascist pigs have redoubled their attempts to destroy the Party since their frame-up of Deputy Chairman Fred Hampton failed to stop the Party and its programs.

The Justice Department and its agents are trying desperately to keep the truth from the people. Deputy Chairman Fred Hampton has been transferred from Statesville penitentiary to Menard penitentiary. The federal government neither notified his attorneys nor his family of the transferral June 3rd. The government still refuses to accept his motions for a new trial and appeal bond.

The midnight indictments against the sixteen Panthers were immediately followed by the issuance of arrest warrants. The attorneys were not allowed to see their clients until the bond reduction hearings and information that was necessary to support the pleas for bond reduction was withheld.

The Black Panther Party has become the target of a growing nationwide campaign to cripple its operations in Chicago and other major cities. The Justice Department in Chicago admits that there had been concerted "FBI activity and investigation" with regard to the Black Panther Party. The federal pigs have given the order to unleash the repression against the Illinois Chapter in order to stop the mass movement and its programs to aid the oppressed peoples.

The indictments followed the arrest of 11 Panthers on Sunday, June 8th. The Panthers were stopped in their car by fascist pigs. They were ordered out, searched, and physically abused. The car was searched without a warrant. The pigs then planted marijuana in the car. The Panthers, who are forbidden to carry marijuana in their possession were later charged with possession of marijuana and released on $1,000 bond. The pig press misled the public into believing that medical supplies that were in the car were chemicals for explosives. One sister was severely injured when the fascists pushed her to the ground and kicked her in the back. She was pregnant and now is threatening miscarriage, in the maternity ward of the Cook County Hospital.

On June 4th at 5:00 in the morning, 500 fascist pigs cornered off a 5 block area surrounding the office. Federal marshalls, FBI agents, and local pigs armed with machine guns, heavy weapons, bullet-proof vests, and a helicopter raided the office. Eight members of the Black Panther Party were arrested and charged with "harboring a fugitive" that the pigs never found. Following the arrests, fascist wrecking crews armed with hatchets went to work to destroy the office. All equipment and fixtures were either stolen or destroyed beyond repair. Some of the money was to buy food for the Breakfast for Children Program and the establishment of a free medical center for the people of the community. Damage to the office was estimated at $20,000.

The federal pigs have failed once again to destroy the Party. They have only rekindled our efforts. We will surmount every obstacle placed in our path and forge close links with the masses. We will make the masses understand that "without the peoples army, the people have nothing."

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS
Illinois Chapter
Black Panther Party

FASCIST PIGS ATTACK PREGNANT SISTER

Eleven Panthers were busted Sunday evening about 8:15 p.m., about 12 blocks from the office. Six (6) brothers and five (5) sisters left the office about 8:00 p.m. on their way to see a Chicago film concerning the Panthers. They noticed they were being followed and turned a corner to stop for a second; Task force and pig cars converged on the car. People in the community started to come out to find out what was going on. The people knew they were Panthers and started to attack the pigs and threatened to come out with their pieces; the pigs then moved the brothers and sisters into waiting paddy wagons and police cars before an "incident broke out". The Panthers proceded to pass out literature while they were being arrested. The pigs said before they left the scene that the brothers and sisters would be charged with possession of chemical explosives and inciting a riot. The Panthers were then taken to the pig station where they were held for at least 5 hours before they could find a charge to place on them. Shortly after Ann Campbell and I arrived at the pig station to get the people out, I asked the pig what the charges were and the pig told me they didn't know yet, I told the pig that they could not hold the brothers and sisters if they didn't have a charge. Ann and I immediately moved to phone the lawyers. About that time the sisters in the lock-up had started to conduct a political education class and the people in the lock-up started talking, and the pigs said they were causing confusion and said they had to be moved. I saw the pigs bringing out Andrea Graves with her hands handcuffed behind her back. They pushed her and the rest of the sisters into another room. Sandra Rich - nineteen (19) years and 3 months pregnant was walking out of the lock-up to the other room. Evidently she wasn't walking fast enough. The fascist pigs started to push her, the pig knocked her down and kicked her in the back and stomach; They then moved her into the room and made her stay there till she was transferred later that night to the Super Fascist Pig station at 11th and State Streets. The Brothers remained at Wood Street Station. We left immediately for 11th St. Station, when we got there Sandra had been taken to Cook County Butcher Shop (hospital) for internal injuries. The sister's health was threatening mis-carriage and bleeding from the kidneys. She was not allowed any visitors and was placed under guard. The next morning everyone was released on bond except Sandra; charges were as follows:

Sandra Rich - 19 years resisting arrest, interfering with a pig, possession of marijuana.
Andrea Graves - 20 years resisting arrest, interfering with a police officer, possession of a hypodermic and marijuana. Bond $1,000 Cash $100.

The sister was a liscensed practical nurse and medical supplies were in the car. All the brothers were charged with possession of marijuana and interfering with a pig's arrest.

Jesse Ward - 18
Randall Rollins - 18
Terry Watson - 20
Walter Johnson - 18
Carsell Jones - 18
Samuel Latson - 19

The charges of possession are trumped up; no one had any smoke. Andrea Graves and Jesse Ward had been arrested previously in the vamp on the office. Sandra was released after we went through a lot of bureaucratic jive and sent to Columbus Hospital still threatening mis-carriage. Bonds were set at $1,000 each and a $100 to walk.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
Stephanie Finker
Officer Staff
Illinois Chapter
Black Panther Party
PANTHER POWER TO THE VANGUARD

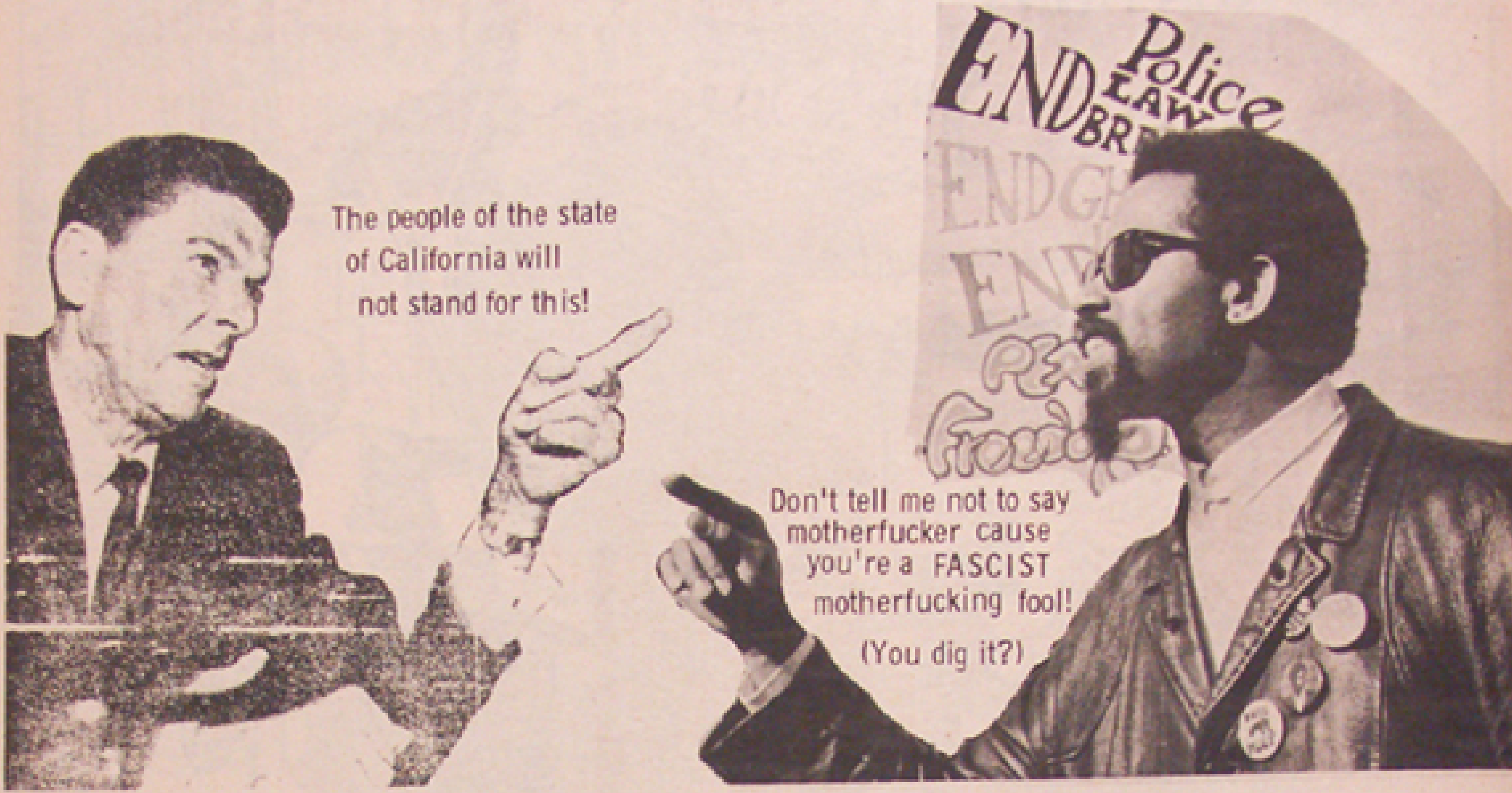
power to the people

Power to the people!
Let this cry reach the highest of steeples.
Exterminate the Fascist Pigs
who exploit and capitalize,
upon the POVERTY-STRICKEN MASSES!

Power to the people!
Awake
Agitate
The CAPITALISTIC SOCIETY!
It was never meant to be,
for those in poverty!

Power to the people!
HAIL TO REVOLUTION
The solution
to BUREAUCRATIC POLLUTION!

LONG LIVE THE PEOPLE'S PLEA
FREEDOM, JUSTICE, AND EQUALITY!
John Young, Panther Supporter



AN ASIDE TO RONALD REAGAN

I have never liked Ronald Reagan. Even back in the days of his bad movies - bullshit flicks that never turned me on to any glow - I felt about him the way I felt about such nonviolent cowboys as Roy Rogers and Gene Autry; that they were never going to cause any action or allow anything to happen. They were just there, occupying space and wasting my time, my money and my sanity. There was a sort of unreality in their style. One knew that movies were into a make-believe bag, but the unreality espoused on the screen by the flat souls of such Pablum-fed actors as Reagan reflected to me - black ghetto nigger me - a sickening mixed bag of humorless laughter and perfect Colgate teeth, with never a hint of the real funk of life. Insipid, promising nothing and delivering even less, a Reagan movie was nothing to get excited about. There would be no surprises.

But what happened was that Ronnie landed a TV show. Equipped with opulent sponsors and some slick script writers, the mediocrity of his grade-B spirit was glossed over and concealed by the make-up of a rhetoric fashioned by a committee of crew-cut wordmongers. With all this going for him, it was natural for him to turn to politics when Hollywood's keenest make-up artists began to find it increasingly difficult to deal with the wrinkles that were slowly turning his face into a replica of well furrowed, depleted, single crop soil.

He was in the best of states to get into his thing; California had demonstrated its ability to relate to the politics of the absurd by electing to office such blobs of political putty as Richard Nixon and Max Rafferty. And having picked the proper place, he could not have chosen a better style. Ronnie used a pat formula that said: pick the toughest problems confronting the people and launch blistering attacks upon all sincere efforts to come to grips with these problems; offer as an alternative a conglomeration of simple-minded cliches and catch phrases that go back to the Mayflower; sing the "Star-Spangled Banner" and smile broadly, effusively, as you wave the flag at the people; use a fighting "I'm fed up" form of delivery; and always remember that when nothing else works, there is still the tried and proven gambit of demagogic politicians, especially in California - viciously attack the perennial whipping boys of the American Dream: subversion concealed in the words of textbooks, the "decadence of universities and the misguided students being duped by a handful of professors who are under the subtle influence of the Communist Conspiracy".

Well, it worked. Mickey Mouse is governor and Donald Duck is a candidate for the U.S. Senate. That is what we have to worry about. And deal with.

It has been said that the people get the rulers they deserve. I do not believe, however, that America has the rulers it deserves. The State of California, emphatically, could not deserve the rulers it has. Yet we have them, and this is an election year. And what an election year; this is the nightmare election year of the American Dream.

Everything is out in the open this year. Nobody is trying very hard to conceal anything. As usual, the key issue in the election is what to do about the niggers - only this time, the question is being rewritten to read, what to do with the niggers. From the point of view of the niggers themselves, the question has also been rewritten and now reads, what are we going to do about this shit?

A surprising development - one which offers the possibility, perhaps the only possibility, of a monkey wrench being tossed into the smoke dreams of the racists - is that a sizable portion of white Americans are in revolt against the system. So the issue of Law and Order, or Crime in the Streets, becomes key.

In California, Mickey Mouse looked out from his perch in Disneyland for an opening to get himself back into the act, having been kicked off the stage in Miami by a pig who had been in the game a little longer. From where he lurked, Mickey Mouse fixed his blank stare on the campus of the University of California, Berkeley. He had received a tip that a situation tailored to his needs existed on that campus. Eldridge Cleaver - the apotheosis of the American nightmare: loudmouthed nigger, ex-convict, rapist, advocate of violence, Presidential candidate - was retained by the Berkeley subversives to teach a class on the university campus, i.e., to corrupt the morals of lily-white American youth. So Ronnie Baby, doing his Republican duty, emerged from his pen to take up the cudgels of battle: "If Eldridge Cleaver is allowed to teach our children, they may come home some night and slit our throats. Therefore, the people of the State of California will not stand for this!"

Right on, Mickey Mouse. There are those of us who know what you are into, and we don't like it. Furthermore, we are going to deal with it, with you, to put an end to your absurd oinking in the faces of the people. So that all those bullshit changes that you went through with the Board of Regents, forcing them to emasculate the course in which I was to participate as a guest lecturer, don't mean shit. It displeased you, I understand, that even the Board of Regents did not buy you whole hog; that, in fact, they agreed to allow me to deliver one lecture.

Big deal. Who in the fuck do you think you are, telling me that I can't talk, telling the students and faculty members at UC Berkeley that they cannot have me deliver ten lectures? I'm going to do it whether you like it or not. In fact, my desire now is to deliver twenty lectures. You, Donald Duck Rafferty, Big Mama Unruh, and that admitted member of the racist John Birch Society who introduced that resolution into the legislature to censure those responsible for inviting me to lecture in the first place - all and each of you can kiss my black nigger ass, because I recognize you for what you are, racist demagogues who have their eye on the ballot box come November. The students and the faculty members at Berkeley are trying to salvage the American people from the brink of chaos that you pigs have brought on. Your thirst and greed for power is so great that you don't care whether or not in your lust you destroy the vital processes of a barbaric society that is trying in its parts to become civilized.

I don't know what the outcome of all this will be, but I do know that I, for one, will never kiss your ass, will never submit to your demagogic machinations. I think you are a cowardly, cravenhearted wretch. You are not a man. You are a punk. Since you have insulted me by calling me a racist, I would like to have the opportunity to balance the books. All I ask is a sporting chance. Therefore, Mickey Mouse, I challenge you to a duel, to the death, and you can choose the weapons. And if you can't relate to that, right on. Walk, chicken, with your ass picked clean.

Excerpts from Eldridge Cleaver
October 26, 1968

PIGS MEET PANTHERS ARRIVING IN SAN FRANCISCO

The fascist FBI pigs have instituted a new tactic of harassment of members of the Revolutionary Vanguard. Now, they have become a welcoming service at the airports. For a long time, we have been aware of pigs watching us at airports, bus and train terminals, but now, we must endure a search and interrogation before we are allowed to continue on our business.

Recently, two members of the Harlem Chapter of the Black Panther Party arrived at San Francisco International Airport and were met with such a reception. Sister Charleen Lane and Brother Henry Mitchell, although they are two of the few members of the Party who are not being sought by the pigs, were forced to submit to the same treatment meted out to fugitives from their so called "justice". They were met, as they stepped off the passageway from the plane to the terminal by no less than 10 assorted FBI and local pigs. They were hustled into a previously prepared "interrogation room" while other travellers and friends looked on in amazement. They were searched, forced to produce ID, and asked many personal questions by FBI pigs as ugly fascist San Francisco pigs stood by wiping dripping saliva from their mouths with one and lovingly carressing .45's and .38's with the other hand. The only excuse given for these abuses was that Brother Mitch "unfortunately" looks like someone they are looking for.

The week before, another brother from New York, Zayd-Malik Shakur, was greeted in San Francisco the same way. He, too, was told that he looked like someone they were looking for. Despite the fact that the two brothers, Mitch and Zayd, look nothing alike, we are supposed to believe that, somehow, they both fit the description of this fugitive. Bulls--t, M-----f-----s! We know that Tricky Dick and Hoppin' Hoover have instructed you to keep the "heat" on the Panthers. We know that they are moving so fast that often, as in Chicago, local pigs are not allowed to participate for fear of messing up. (local pigs are so stupid).

But we also know that the reason the pigs vamp on us so hard is because we have drawn a clear line of demarcation between us and them and that when the pigs vamp on us, it is a clear indication that we are moving in the direction of our liberation.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
PANTHER POWER TO THE VANGUARD
FREE HUEY
FREE THE NEW YORK 21
Charleen Lane

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS



TRASH, FILTH, DISEASE, DESTRUCTION, DEATH

Will your child be bitten by a snake while playing in the back-yard? Eight year old Chuck Haynes, of 422 Flora was! WHY? Because of the increasing buildup of trash! All the money being spent on yard care is wasted as the trash builds up. Rats, snakes and other disease carrying vermin live and breed in this kind of filth. Who suffers the most from this? CHILDREN! They have to play in this desease in-fested environment. Why the build up of trash? Why the rats and snakes? Why must our children suffer?

The City "Fathers" on Kansas City passed a NO BURNING ordi-nance in an effort to curb air pol-lution. Now thousands of families whose only method of trash dis-posal was burning must suffer. WHY? These same city officials failed to make provision for trash removal! Children are now bitten by snakes. Once beautiful yards where children played are now o-verflowing with trash--the bree-ding ground of rats, snakes and disease. The city proposes a col-lection system for January 1, 1970. This means six more months of trash and filth. How many more children must suffer? When will your child be bitten by a snake or rat?

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PEOPLE'S DEMONSTATION AGAINST FILTH

The Kansas City Chapter found it necessary in order to gain increas-ing community support, serve the people of the community, and heigh-ten the political awareness of the community to initiate a program dealing with an immediate problem of the community. The trash prob-lem is a very real one and it de-mands immediate attention.

The city of Kansas City passed a no burning ordinance in March '69. Their justification of this ac-tion was to rid the city of pollu-ted air. The air pollution problem may in fact be real, however the air pollution stemmed from the industries that are throughout the Kansas City area. By stopping the people from burning their trash, they did not curb polluted air pro-duced by the factories and large industries like the Packing House.

As a result of this ordinance they hurt the city as a whole but the black community in particular suffers. The trash collectors in the city are charging two dollars a barrel for the removal of this trash. The people in the white com-munity can afford the cost of trash service. The people of the black community find it impossible to afford such luxuries. The average home in the community has six barrels filled to the brim of trash a week, which means a monthly cost of 48 to 50 dollars. The po-wer structure bases its oppressive roots on this kind of oppressive action.

So a result of the build up of trash, that people can't afford to have moved, an eight year old black child, Chuck Haynes of 422 Flora was bitten by a snake while playing in his backyard. The people of the community are complaining they are so ashamed of a city that prides itself on cleanliness. The people wanted something done about the situation and the party is seeing that something is done. On Saturday, June 14, 1969 there will be a Peoples Demonstration Against Filth at the City Hall. The people of Kansas City are demanding that they either restore burning or they must plan an imme-diate collection system. This pro-ram is under the direction of Sis-ter Andrya Weatherly, Communi-cations Secretary.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
FREE HUEY

OMAHA PURGE

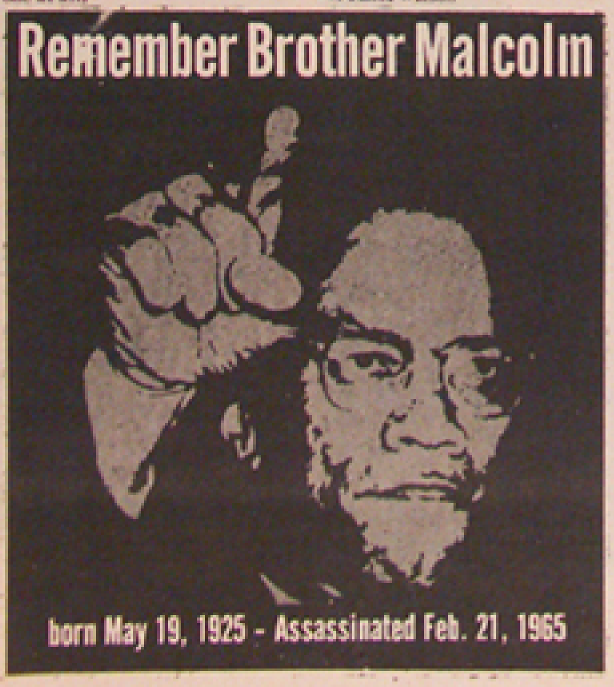
We must affirm anew the dis-cipline of the Party, namely:
1. the individual is subordinate to the organization;
2. the minority is subordinate to the majority;
3. the lower level is subordinate to the higher level
4. the entire membership is subordinate to the Central Com-mittee.

Whoever violates these articles of discipline disrupts Party unity.

Within the branch here in Omaha we have had repeated violations of these and other rules. We are moving to correct these violations, because we are going to have a WELL DISCIPLINED REVOLU-TIONARY PARTY, or we won't have one at all.

Some of the counter revolu-tionary and avaricious fools who have been EXPELLED are:

1. William Fletcher
2. Wesley Dean, Jr.
3. Yvonne Grayson
4. Marian Perry
5. Emil Jordon
6. Luther Payne
7. William Shelly
8. Al Moss, Jr.
9. Bradford Collins, Jr.
10. James McGarry
11. Buddy Kellogg
12. Arthur Green
13. Billy Teal
14. Kenneth Brown
15. Dwight Dean
16. Ann Spencer
17. Bobby Jones
18. Joyce Hopkins
19. Bernice Davis
20. Eugene Davis
21. Janet Wilson



THE KANSAS CITY, MO. PANTHERS RELATING TO HUMANITARIANISM

The community of Kansas City, Missouri can be proud of its Van-guard Party, the Black Panther Party. While out during political work, two members of the chap-ter, Tommy Robinson, the Deputy Minister of Labor, and Right-on Newman, Supervisor of the Break-fast for School Children Program, came upon a critical situation con-cerning some of the citizens of the Black Community. As they were driving down the block of 35th and the Paseo, they noticed smoke and flames coming from the Oriole Apartments.

They immediately stopped to in-vestigate and to be of any assis-tance as possible. They never had any concern for their own safety when they say that the people, our people are in danger. Their personal safety comes second when the people are in need.

Brother Right-on investigated the situation with Brother Tommy and saw the need for their assis-tance.

He immediately ran into the building and saw some of the resi-dents trying to climb out the second and third floor windows led them to safety. Upon his second attempt in-to the building he came upon others still trapped in their apartments trying to find their way through the heavy smoke and led them to fresh air. All together his efforts alone saved at least seven lives.

While Brother Right-on was helping out on the inside, Brother Tommy was outside assisting the other residents who were jumping out the windows and needing some-one to keep them from injuring themselves.

After making sure that all the people were safely out of the build-ing at the front, they proceeded to check the back of the building in case there were others there.

By the time the Fire Department had arrived and took over with the brothers assisting, the majority of the residents were safely out of danger. The firemen proceeded to extinguish the flames with Brother Tommy helping.

This is just an example of how the Black Panther Party, your community Vanguard Party is serving the people. Through the whole ordeal there were no in-juries or deaths. We are aware of the needs of our community and are always there to assist in any way when possible.

FREE HUEY!
Billie B. Robinson
Deputy Minister of Information
Kansas City Chapter
Black Panther Party



FASCIST ACTIONS AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF SACRAMENTO



On June 15, at approximately 9:15 p.m., the gestapo storm troopers unleashed their fascism on the people of the community of Oak Park in Sacramento, California. There had been growing tensions within the community itself because of the presence of about 50 pigs that they said were needed to "patrol" the community. But we realized that they were intensifying their gestapo tactics against us in an attempt to wipe us out. They had previously run black people out of a predominantly white section of town. They had returned to their own park in their own community to enjoy its benefits. But Chief Hog Rooney of the Sacramento Pig Department had different ideas. Using minor disturbances as a justification of his actions and being the pig that he is, he employed fascistic tactics to move the people out of the park and off the streets. The pigs formed a skirmish line and began to move on the people. Some bottles were thrown by the angry masses, and the pigs opened up fire on the people, but some of the people started shooting back. More pigs were called in and the masses fled down 35th Street towards the Black Panther office. The pigs were moving behind the people in storm trooper fashion, shooting and spraying chemical mace. There were a number of people (mostly women and children) who were caught between those fascist pigs on both sides that were told by the pigs to get off the street or they would be shot. The only place they could seek shelter was in Party headquarters. About 35 people rushed into the office, most had been beaten. One pregnant woman was beaten and maced. As soon as we had gotten the people into the office, the pigs opened fire on us even though most of the people present were women and children. They said that we had shot at them and that we would shoot out our own windows just to shoot at them.

Anyone can easily see that all these accusations came from those greasey slimey pigs' lies. We managed to get all the people out the back way safely. Captain Brunson and myself later went back to the office to see what could be salvaged after the pigs had opened fire on us. We barely escaped being murdered. We later found out that the low-life scum had completely ransacked our office, stole our Breakfast Program money and two tape recorders. They ruined a lot of supplies and food that had been raised and donated to us by the community.

The people who live in Oak Park have seen fascism in action. It is an ever growing threat that the people must become aware of in order to deal with this reactionary society in a revolutionary way, or be destroyed by the rolling tide of fascism.

Power to the People
All Pigs to the Slaughterhouse
James Mott, Lt. Ed.







CHAIRMAN'S PRESS CONFERENCE AT SAFEWAY BOYCOTT



CHAIRMAN: This Safeway Store has refused to donate a lousey hundred dollars a week to the Breakfast for School Children Program that's just right across the street in that church over there. So, we're starting a boycott at this store here at 27th and West in West Oakland. This store here, like most supermarkets, and chain markets, makes about $50,000 a week off the people in the community, and they can't donate back a lousey hundred dollars in food, eggs or whatever. So, the power of the people will shut this avaricious, greedy, exploiting businessman down.

We'd like to say that the Breakfast for Children Program is spread all across the country. It's significant how the attempts to repress the Black Panther Party have been made by the power structure. There have been numerous arrests; in every city where Black Panthers have been arrested the Breakfast for Children Program was successful. In Chicago where the brothers were busted and are facing a statewide grand jury, they were feeding over a thousand children and were moving the program on up. The program is exposing the power structure for what it is. The Reagans, the Mayor Aliotos, the Nixons, the Reagans , the Mayor Daleys, and the rest of the avaricious businessmen and demagogic politicians.

Question: Do you plan on spreading the boycott to other Safeway Stores?

CHAIRMAN: Definitely. It will spread with the people, with the power of the people. You notice, this store here is closed down. There's been no one shopping here for a week. The first payday night there was nobody here, and we hope that everybody across the area is going to stop shopping at Safeway Stores, and we're going to keep Breakfast for Children going in the summer and free lunch too. We're going to take the youth off the streets with liberation schools from 8:00 in the morning to 12:00 in the day. We're going to teach them about the class struggle, about black history, about the class struggle in terms of black history and we're going to give them free breakfast and free lunches. All the stores and businesses in our community, we feel, with the power of the people, must donate to breakfast for children and free lunch. We will serve both free breakfast and free lunch during the summer, and we will have a liberation school in every church where we've had a breakfast for children program.

Question: I see you have a lot of children here on the line. Do you expect to have any arrests today as a result of the picketing?

CHAIRMAN: The pigs know better than to be coming down here and arresting the people. The United Front Against Fascism is against pigs because the pigs will blatantly murder and kill anybody. School is out today, and some of the kids that come to the Breakfast for Children Program across the street come here and walk around the picket line.

Question: Do you intend to try more negotiations with the store manager to get the $100 for your breakfast program?

CHAIRMAN: Right now, as of today, we're going to raise the demands to $125. Every week that he doesn't come around, we're going to raise it an extra $25. All he has to do is come out here and tell one of these people that they can pick up the food that he's going to donate to the people's free breakfast for children program.

Question: How many kids do you feed on a day like this?

CHAIRMAN: Throughout the San Francisco, Bay Area, we feed way over 2,000.

Question: How much does it cost to keep the program going per week?

CHAIRMAN: We can feed 150 kids on $40 per week.

Question: It has been reported that the State Department has confirmed that Eldridge Cleaver is in Cuba. Do you have anything to say about that?

CHAIRMAN: I say that anybody who wants to know where Eldridge is, ought to go down there and see. We'll have to investigate the information further. The State Department has made these claims, not the Black Panther Party.

BOYCOTT SAFEWAY

The Anti Imperialist Coalition is happy to announce its complete support for the Black Panther Party's boycott of Safeway stores. Safeway has established a pattern of arrogant behavior toward working people. They are helping the grape growers of California, with whom they have close financial and personal ties, to smash the struggle of the grape workers by carrying grapes in spite of the grape boycott. A few days ago they invited representatives of the boycott committee to a meeting and had them arrested after unilaterally "adjourning" the meeting.

Now they refuse to assist the Black Panther Party's program to feed hungry children in the community. To the Black Panther Party and to the Anti Imperialist Coalition, food is for nourishing the bodies of the people. For Safeway exploiters of the people, on the other hand, food is a commodity on which they can make a profit, and they refuse to see it in any other way.

By their arrogant attitude toward the working people who supply their profits, and particularly by their refusal to help the Black Panther Party feed hungry children, Safeway has earned a boycott not only of this one store, but of every Safeway Store in the country. We urge every working family: Don't shop at Safeway. BOYCOTT SAFEWAY.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE
Bill Callison
for the Anti-Imperialist Coalition
Safeway Boycott Committee



SAFEWAY EMPTY AS PANTHER BOYCOTT CONTINUES

TO THOSE WHO SERVE THE PEOPLE

I think the breakfast for the children at Durant and Hoover is a great idea. And I hope millions of other churches should have a breakfast. I hope they have the breakfast in the summer because I go the breakfasts and I like the Black Panthers who are serving the breakfast. We get good breakfasts at the church. And so the children wouldn't get hungry and getting sick because they aren't getting anything in their stomachs. And the children are thankful to the Panthers for having a breakfast here. Because I go to the Breakfast and I appreciate being here and having something to eat in my stomach. I think the Panthers had good heads to have a Breakfast at St. Augustines. And there are lots of children going to St. Augustines.
Valerie Taylor



PANTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE free breakfast for children is being served at St. Martin DePorres Recreation hall. Shown here pouring milk for three youngsters is Black Panther Warren Heart.

STUDIES DON'T FILL STOMACHS



FREE BREAKFAST IN BALTIMORE

The Baltimore Chapter of the Black Panther Party initiated its Breakfast Program at St. Martin de Porres Recreation Hall, at Valley and Eager Streets.

At the present time the Black Panthers are feeding 150 to 170 children on a daily basis. Due to the bad transit system, here in Baltimore it is necessary for the Black Panther Party to bus 50% of the children in to the Breakfast Program. It is evident that the community is in favor of this program by the amount of children that are being fed.

We will continue this program throughout the summer into the coming school year. However, we will feed twice as many this summer; instead of a Breakfast Program, we will have a lunch program during the summer.

It is the goal of the Black Panther Party to feed all of the hungry children in Maryland. A second recreation hall was donated to the people by a revolutionary attorney, Mrs. Lena Lee, also a legislator in the state of Maryland. This hall will be used to feed children, conduct classes in Business Administration, Law and hold rallies for our young people. Also in the same block the Black Panther Party will manage a revolutionary movie. At our first showing, we will have "Off The Pig" and "Huey".

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
FREE HUEY
Cpt. Warren Hart
Baltimore Chapter
Black Panther Party

REV. McGRUE EXPOSED AS LOCAL TYRANT

The Black Panther Party of Vallejo is moving into the third month serving the people with a Free Breakfast Program. In the outstart of setting up the program, the Party ran head-on into a problem with local tyrant Rev. McGrue over the use of his church which is conveniently located about three blocks from the school where most of the children are enrolled. Upon hearing this, a Party member along with Breakfast National Coordinator Randolph Albary, payed McGrue a visit. When arriving at the car dealership where McGrue is an agent, we found him rared back at his desk, surrounded by wall-to-wall carpeting, secretaries and cadillacs. After about 10 minutes of discussion with the shyster preacher, he began talking more madness than he had the time before. First of all he threw the blame on his trustee board (which he controls) expressing that they were against the idea of Breakfast for Children at his church. Then this rapacious fool nigger preacher had the nerve to say that the Black Panther Party would have to make improvements to his new church by expanding his kitchen area. (The church kitchen is twice as large as our office.) Then he switched his story around to pass the buck to the health department regulations. We have observed other instances when people have eaten in the hob-nob nigger church without any complaints from the health department.

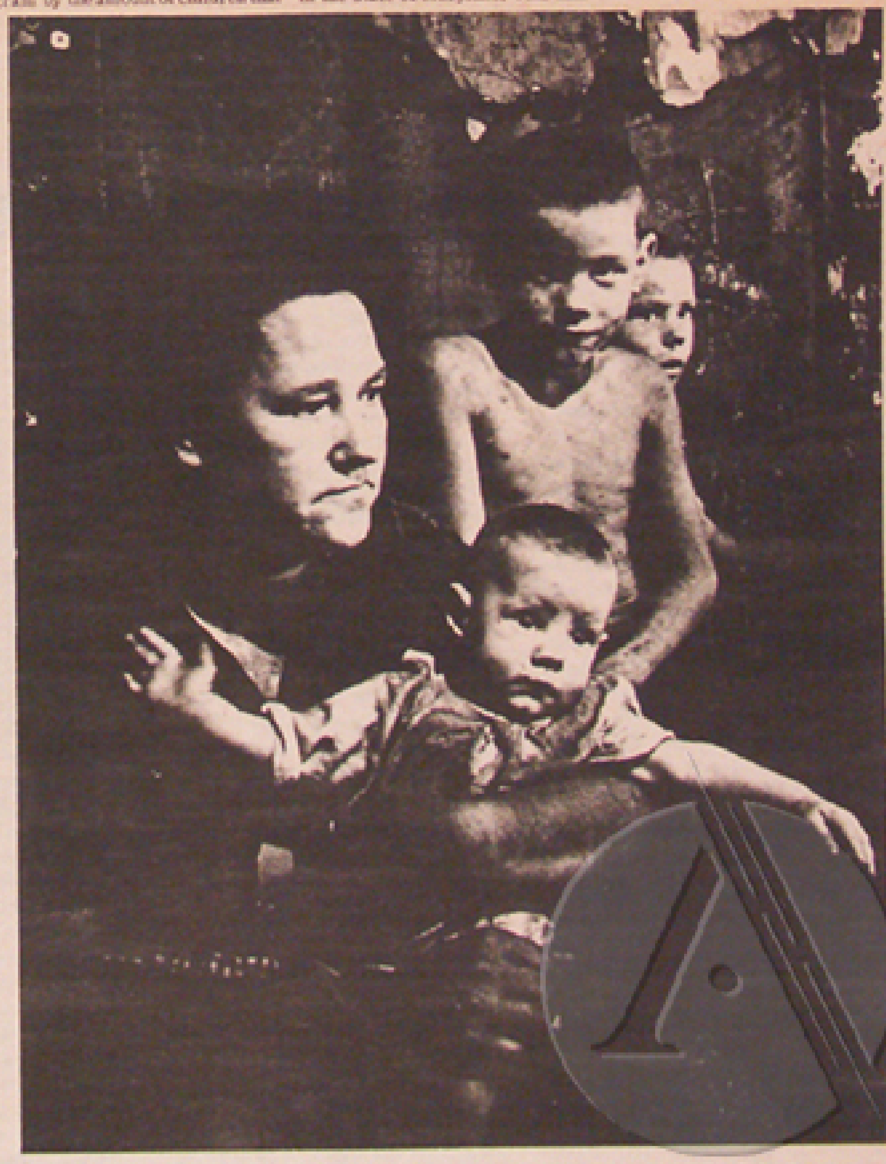
The reason this pork chop nigger shyster preacher wanted us to enlarge his kitchen is also because he said, "No one was going to eat breakfast in his place of worship". After this hypocrite became overheated and started cranking more jive rhetoric, the management of the dealership came to his aid and told us to leave the premises. So it is crystal clear that this meathead McGrue is a lying shyster preacher and cares nothing about the people, other than their pockets.

We say that those people and all the accomplices of such people will be exposed and dealt with by the people. We want the people to recognize as we have, that there are other reactionary elements such as the Country Club Improvement Association, headed by Melvin Thompson, the S. Vallejo Improvement Association, headed by James Brown, the Loftis Improvement Association, headed by Bill Parris, all of whom are jiving the people.

All of these people who are at the heads of Improvement Associations haven't improved not one child's empty stomache, that is to say, not even half an egg, a crumb of bread, a grain of grits, not even a slice of bacon.

So again we say to any shyster nigger or opportunistic fool who is trying to stop our Breakfast program directly or indirectly that the Black Panther Party will defend this program by any means necessary.

Jymbo
Vallejo Branch
Black Panther Party



STILL HUNGRY IN FASCIST U.S.A.

PANTHERS ON MOVE

'TO A UNITED FRONT'

by Nimon

Ray 'Masai' (most often called just Masai) is the Black Panther Party Deputy Minister of Information---the man to do Cleaver's job while Eldridge is out of town.

Masai, an LA man, is familiar to some, that is they've heard his name, but this important Black Panther is, for the most part, not well known outside the Party.

When I arrived at Black Panther Party National Headquarters to find out more about the various raids against Panther offices and about the "United Front against Fascism" conference, Masai was the one with whom I talked.

"Five raids in the last four days" is the way he began, "Chicago, Detroit, Denver, Utah, and Philadelphia."

"Utah" said Masai, a bit of amazement in his voice, "I didn't even know that we had an office in Utah but the pigs arrested some Panthers there."

Masai thinks that the proposed conference, "A United Front Against Fascism" is one of the main reasons for the police escalation. "Raids against Party Offices had become an everyday thing but since we announced the conference they've started to happen day and night."

There are several reasons that the present powers could feel threatened by this conference, due to begin at Black Panther Headquarters on July 18. The first is the most obvious---a proposed united front to fight Fascism.

This could be a threat if the government is indeed as Masai says that it is, intent on becoming Fascist. From Huey P. Newton's words, 'Capitalism plus racism equals Fascism', Masai moved on to explain the trend.

"The evolution of every capitalist country in the last 50 years has been towards Fascism. The Military-Industrial Complex' is Fascist. The 'Security state' is the evolution of Fascism. The pigs are everywhere you go; in the schools, on college campuses---go down to Safeways and there's a pig with a big .357 Magnum and a long stick walking up and down supposed to be looking so that you don't steal something.

"And all that Fascism goes under the name of 'Law and Order', But if they need to, they stretch the law a little and if that don't work they'll just make a new law."

That the conference is an attempt to stem this trend is probably not much of a threat in itself. The name has an old left ring, and the idea speaks of inbred and musty old left rhetorical exchanges. But now it comes from the Black Panther Party--an organization with powerful charisma--and the call has gone out to everyone.

The head of the conference announcement beckons to "People! Organizations! Groups! Yippies! Political Parties! Workers! Students! Peasant Farmers! You the Lumpen! Poor People, Black People, Mexian Americans, Puerto Ricans, Chinese, Etc.Etc."

According to Masai, there are only three groups that will not be allowed to attend: US (Karenga's cultural nationalist group) the CIA and The FBI. But he says that the last two will be there anyway.

"There's only two requirements for attendance; first you've got to be against Fascism, second you can't be anti-communist. The scope of the Black Liberation movement is too narrow, but the people have a vague understanding of what Fascism is, you dig. Anybody with half a brain can relate to a struggle against Fascism."

"See, Black people have been hip to pig brutality and such for a long time, but the white people are getting a crash course---The short, vicious summer course. If you got long hair, they shoot for your legs, if you're black then they shoot for your back."



photo by Jeffy Jenks

Which brings us to another threat that this conference could hold. It could begin to counter-act what Masai calls "the 'animalization' of the Party" by the media.

As Masai began to talk about this, anger showed for the first and only time in the interview. "They keep putting those black nationalists on TV. Those apolitical fools blowing their madness, talking about looting and killing white people---they don't represent the broad masses of Black People. The masses aren't overtly racist---they've got certain phobias and paranoias about white people but they're not racist.

"What these programs do is condition the viewers that everything that happens to the people is cool. It's like in Germany---the burning of the Reichstag by the Nazis."

So if everybody that the Panthers want to come to the conference, do come, then this personal contact should do a lot to dispell the media myth.

Masai's hopes run high; "This conference is going to point to the realities. If it comes off right the ABC, CBS and the rest are going to have to work overtime to re-program the people."

One of the major things that is hoped will come out of the conference is the demand for community control of the police. The beginning of this program will be the circulation of petitions based on this demand.

Each petition will be tailored to the community that it is to be circulated in, but they will all center on three main points:

1. The conduct and the policies of the police will be under the control of "community elected neighborhood councils." 2. The councils shall have "the power to discipline officers" and 3. All police officers must live in the department they work in."

"Do you think that any of those pigs who shot down people in Berkeley want to live in Berkeley," said Masai, emphasizing the importance of point three.

Masai sees the petitions and the proposals that they contain, as the final test. He thinks the police will harass those who try to circulate the petitions and he expects things to get much worse for the Party between now and conference time.

"We'll find out," said Masai at the interview's end. "Social practice is the critera of truth."

But finally the biggest threat is probably the Black Panther Party itself; a Party that sees what needs to be done and does it.

"The pigs didn't think that we were a threat---you know a bunch of San Quentin drop-outs" is how Masai put it, "But we aren't hungup in uniforms or initials. In fact the uniforms are almost totally gone---the only Brothers who still wear leathers do it because they can't afford nothing else."

"We're only interested in doing what has to be done. If someone comes along with a better program, a better way of getting things done, then right on---we'll join."

That's a threat. Right on.

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IRELAND OPPRESSED FIGHT BACK

Apparently tired of being pushed around by reactionaries without making any retaliation, the Ulster Civil Rights Movement has started to fight back. The rank and file have given practical evidence of their ability to struggle by routing reactionaries and armed police in several battles, succeeding in asserting control over working class areas in some cities. CP and liberal leaders of the civil rights campaign are seriously alarmed by the rising tide of rank and file militancy and the broad popular response of the masses to the call for militant action. At the time of writing the distraught "non-violent" leaders were making frantic efforts to stop street demonstrations until they re-establish control and turn the movement back to "non-violence." However the people have learned from experience that they are now able to win local battles and defend themselves against reactionary violence so they are unlikely to respond again to calls for "non-violent" action.

A demand has been advanced for disbandment of the "Special" police. These "B Specials" consists of over 25,000 armed civilians deputized as special police and permantly on call. The force is one hundred per cent Protestant and members of the Orange Order. Its main social composition is small businessmen and petty landowners whose conservative attitude toward property rights and fear and hatred for the working people is notorious. The "Specials" have been used exclusively against Catholic workers and the Catholic poor. It has been the good fortune of the Ulster bourgeoisie that they have never had to use the "Specials" against striking Protestant workers, for that would certainly unite Protestant and Catholic workers against them and put an end to the "B Specials".

But even with their armed "Specials" Ulster reaction has not been able to mobilize sufficient force to cope with the situation. Once again "labourite" Harold Wilson, who found it impossible to take action against Smith in Rhodesia, has answered a call for help from extreme right-wing reaction. British troops are deployed in force in Ulster for the protection of the Orange Unionist rulers. However, the development has its positive side; for the first time in almost 50 years it has made abundantly clear that the Unionist Government can exist only because it is propped up by British power--a power which is becoming less reliable with each passing day.

The introduction of British troops into the struggle will raise some interesting problems. Wilson will want desperately to tread on "middle ground," but there is no middle ground in Ulster. The claim of the British Prime Minister that troops will be used to guard vital installations, and will not participate directly in the struggle, is patent nonsense. Even if they are restricted to guard duty--and they will not be--they are still participating by releasing armed police from this task to be used against the people. A particular problem which Wilson will face is the fact that Ulster Protestants will not welcome the intrusion of British troops.

The Dublin government, which has been betraying Republican interests to the British imperialists for years, are also going to be confronted with some problems. Dublin, which claims to represent the national interests of all Ireland, is going to have to make an open declaration on its attitude toward the open armed occupation of a part of Ireland by troops of the nation's traditional imperialist enemy. Not for long will Lynch and his Ministers be able to hide behind empty appeals to U Thant and the United Nations, the Irish people will demand more positive action in defence of Ireland's independence.

The peoples' movement in Ulster is certainly going to win some important concessions which will make for a far-reaching qualitative change in the political situation. For over 50 years Ulster reaction has been able to stay in the saddle with the use of divisive tactics. The Protestant workers have been corrupted with special consideration on jobs, housing, electoral rights, welfare benifits, etc. But when the Catholic workers win some important concessions--such as the vote in municipal elections--the privileged position of the Protestant workers will become badly eroded and it will become clear that workers, both Protestant and Catholic, have common problems which they can solve only through united action.

It is possible that out of this crisis the Irish people will once more become united in the fight for a common objective, without regard for religious beliefs.

PERU MIDDLE CLASS NATIONALIZES OIL

On October 3, Peru's president Belaunde Terry was overthrown in a bloodless military coup by "pro-nationalist" officers angered by his refusal to nationalize Standard Oil's International Petroleum Company. The military then seized the I. P. C. holdings and demanded from the United States $1 billion worth of profits taken from the country by the I. P. C. over the past 40 years.

Behind the move lies the fact of more than four decades of robbery by Rockefeller's Standard Oil. The oilfields which the militarists have recently moved to nationalize were grabbed off by Standard in the 1920's. In the years following, Rockefeller acquired title to 135,000 acres of choice Peruvian land in the name of the Cerro de Pasco Corporation, and in 1964, through the agency of Chase-Manhattan Bank, bought up the 38-branch Banco Continental of Peru.

Subsoil rights to the oil-bearing area of Peru were originally held by British capitalists who acquired them from a corrupt government in violation of a law prohibiting the alienation of such rights from the nation. Title was transferred to an English-owned company in Canada, International Petroleum, whose stock was later bought up by Standard Oil of New Jersey.

Once before, in 1963, the Peruvian Congress moved to nationalize the oilfields but retreated when the British government, on the grounds that it had been party to the original award, and the Canadian government, on the ground that the company was "Canadian", resisted nationalization. With Britain and Canada ready and willing to run interference for the Yankee billionaires the United States government was able to remain discretely in the background, stating only that they would accept any settlement satisfactory to the company. Now Washington finds it necessary to take direct charge, claiming that the Canadian incorporation of the company is meaningless, that the United States is the aggrieved party.

(This is an interesting development in view of the claim advanced in some quarters that Canada is an imperialist country in her own right because some U. S.-owned subsidiaries handle a certain amount of overseas investments from here. When a push comes to shove, the Yankees are quick to show who is the real boss of the show.)

When Belaunde Terry made some quite modest demands on Standard and other interests, amounting to no more than a request for payment of back taxes, the United States, aided by Britain, put pressure on his government. Belaunde finally capitulated to the pressure and exonerated the company completely from paying any back debts to Peru.

Just as in all Latin American countries, living conditions for the Peruvian working people are absolutely deplorable. Unemployment, starvation, "homes" constructed of cardboard and tin, tens of thousands of sick and hungry people huddled into the poverty ghettoes, known as "barrios", than rim the cities like Lima, and landless peasants who own not even a patch of soil on which to grow a few vegetables, even as Yankee land-grabbers carve out virtual kingdoms for themselves. The already unbelievably horrible conditions of the people grow daily worse while a few foreign investors reap untold wealth from the tortured land.

A relative handful of traitor puppets have been content to sell out the country's natural resources and act as overseers and hangmen for U. S. imperialists. The payments made to this traitor class are invested abroad, against the day when they will have to flee the wrath of the people.

Resentment against these conditions, arising from foreign domination and exploitation, has been intensifying over the years to the point where workers and peasants have mounted sharp struggle against the imperialist exploiters and the regime of national betrayal. The only response of the imperialists to date has been a demand for more repressive measures and an increase of taxes on the Peruvian people to provide still more facilities for the exploiters and to pay the expenses of the state bureaucracy.



Oil companies dominate building in Lima--and rest of the country.

Given the conditions that exist in Peru it is inevitable that the middle class and the lower ranks of the national bourgeoisie would be squeezed economically and become resentful toward the regime, particularly since they are not allowed a share of the profits of national betrayal. These groups entertain desires to transform the administration into one that more closely represents their class interests. But they carefully avoid mobilization of the masses and revolution. Rather than chance an appeal to the working people, they will seek means to achieve their ends by "peaceful and orderly methods" if the opportunity should present itself. And in Peru the opportunity did, indeed, come to hand.

The officer corp of the armed forces is manned mainly by members of those dissatisfied elements and when the crisis in the semi-colonial economy becomes sharp enough they tend to side with the class group from which they sprang—especially if there appears to be real hope of success. In Peru conditions were ripe for this type of action and the army was able to organize a coup that completely avoided any appeal to the mass of the people.

Instead, the militarists use the visit of some Russian warships and hastily-signed trade agreements with Russia's eastern European colonies to try to bolster their image of "national independence" from U. S. imperialism. But without a mass base the army administration cannot last. The internal contradictions that tear apart the various elements that support the dictatorship will cause it to break up from within, and U. S. pressure from without—including armed intervention if deemed necessary—will hasten the development of the internal factors. The army administration will quite soon be confronted with the choice of mobilizing the masses for revolutionary anti-imperialist resistance, or of coming to terms with the foreign exploiters, which will mean capitulation.

Being exploiters themselves, and panic-stricken at the idea of armed revolution, it is a foregone conclusion that this administration as presently constituted, will choose the path of capitulation to the imperialists. The fight for national independence in Peru will make real advances only when the working people take over the leadership of the anti-imperialist forces.

DETROIT BRANCH RAIDED BY FASCIST PIGS

The local fascist pig force invaded the office of the Black Panther Party located at 12th Street and Euclid Avenue in Detroit. Over 25 pigs surrounded the block of the 12th Street area as approximately 10 pigs forced their way into the office. The pigs allegedly were in search of a pig walkie talkie type radio, ramsacked the office, harassed a sister and two brothers, and took pictures of all the files for future information to aid in the fascist takeover by this racist power structure.

After staying in the office for over an hour supposedly in search of a walkie talkie. (How pigs expect to find a walkie talkie while taking pictures of bits of paper no one will ever know), they stole from the office items belonging to the people. A typewriter and adding machine which was used to aid and co-ordinate the feeding of CHILDREN in the FREE BREAKFAST FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN PROGRAM, was taken by the pigs, and never returned.

Three Black Panther Party members were arrested and released four hours later after the fascist pigs admitted that there was no radio in the office, which their warrant was issued for, and that the typewriter and adding machine which the pigs stole from the people could not be connected as being stolen by the Panther members arrested. Those arrested were Free Breakfast for Children Coordinator, Anita Hartman, Free Breakfast Assistant Jon Williams, and the Officer of the Day, Leo Williams (no relation).

The people in the area warned other Panthers not to approach the building as the pigs had a trap set inside. "The spirit of the people is stronger than the man's technology". These people wanted to and did protect those who had been FEEDING their CHILDREN, and aiding them in fighting the fascist oppressor.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

FREE HUEY DEMONSTRATION IN SCANDINAVIA



Black Panther Spokesman Connie Matthews Speaks at Free Huey Rally in Sweden

When Bobby Seale and Ray Masai Hewitt were in Scandinavia-- Denmark, Norway, Finland and Sweden-- they established in each of these countries solidarity committees for the third world peoples' revolutionary struggle.

In the very last part of April the people in Scandinavia were informed by these committees that the Black Panther Party in cooperation with other organizations in many cities had aranged demonstrations in support of the demand that Huey be immediately set free; if necessary, on bail.

As a result of this information, it was decided to arrange demonstrations in each of the Scandinavian capitals in front of the American embassies in order to show our solidarity with the just demand that Huey P. Newton be set free.

Because of the short warning, it was impossible to arrange mass rallies in front of the embassies, but we decided instead to use this opportunity to inform the people in Scandinavia about the the persecution waged by the US pig power structure against the Black Panther Party and especially about the criminal imprisonment of Huey. In Oslow Norway, in Stockholm Sweden and in Helsinki Finland, informational leaflets were distributed and several people in the big May Day workers' demonstrations marched with signs demanding the immediate release of Huey. Smaller numbers of people gathered in front of the various American embassies.

In Copenhagen Denmark, the Danish Left Wing Socialist Party in cooperation with other revolutionary organizations arranged a big demonstration in a park. Here, where students and workers were gathered, exhibitions were arranged about the third world liberation struggle, about police brutality, about the heroic struggle of the Vietnamese people and about the exploitation of the Danish working class. Information about the US pigs' persecution of the Black Panther Party and about the nature of the trial against Huey were distributed. The two representatives of the Black Panther Party in Copenhagen, Connie Matthews and Skip Malone spoke to the big crowd.

After the rally, more than 600 people walked with posters and big red flags to the American embassy where Connie Matthews again spoke about the reasons that Huey should be set free.

In the days before the first of May, several revolutionary groups sent telegrams of solidarity to the Black Panther Party and demands to the State Department saying that Huey was held illegally and demanding his release.

The Danish Left Wing Socialist Party drafted on the third of May in the final session of its II National Congress the following resolution. It was passed unanimously.

"The second National Congress of the Danish Left Wing Socialist party declares its solidarity with the struggle of the Black Panther Party as the vanguard organization of the oppressed American peoples revolutionary fight. We condemn the persecution and suppression of the Black Panther Party committed by the U.S. power structure. We express our deep admiration of the heroic struggle you are fighting right in the belly of imperialism and confirm our will to fight in solidarity with the oppressed peoples of the world until victory."



POLITICAL TRIALS IN GREECE

ATHENS--A new wave of political trials appeared in Greece, amid gorwing criticism of the repressive nature of the military junta.

Jail terms of six months to life have been meted out already to 28 Greeks convicted of "subversive activities" before special military tribunals. Six other trials of a total of 36 defendants are set to be held soon.

Most of the accused have been involved in underground resistance movements; the mere printing and distribution of propaganda against the military regime is a crime punishable under martial law, by terms of up to five years.

LETTERS FROM BUNCHY'S MOTHER

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Seale:
Words cannot express the gratitude I felt, for you thinking of me on Mother's Day.
Bunchy would have liked it too. Please accept my thanks. I am very proud to be the mother and grandmother of many proud warriors.
Nola Carter

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Cleaver:
Knowing that you too were Bunchy's close friend and he had so much respect for Eldridge, and for you to have his mother in mind on Mother's Day, does something to me and for me, I cannot put into words what I feel but thank you and I am proud to be the mother and grandmother of many proud warriors.
Nola Carter

FORT DIX STOCKADE REBELLION

New York, N.Y., June 9, 1969--On Thursday, June 5 a rebellion broke out in Cell Blocks 66 and 67 at the Fort Dix Stockade.

A stockade built for 250 men, but holds 900, the men in Cell Blocks 66 and 67 were made to stand in formation for five hours in the hot sun; when taken to the mess hall, the men were forced to wait in line three hours for dinner. At dinner, only half the men were given water. One prisoner, Chabot, was put in segregation as punishment for requesting water.

After returning to the Cell Blocks, the men in Cell Blocks 66 and 67 set mattresses on fire, smashed windows and threw materials out the windows; 150 men were involved in the rebellion. Also involved was Cell Block 84.

Immediately, 250 troops (MP's) were brought in, using tear gas, to put down the rebellion. Two members of the American Servicemen's Union, Bill Brakefield and Terry Klug, were in Cell Block 67; Brakefield was beaten unconscious. Klug and Brakefield, along with 18 other men, were taken to segregation. ASU MEMBER, TOM TUCK, A BLACK G.I., WAS ALSO PUT IN SEGREGATION AS A "SUSPECTED" MEMBER OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY.

When the New York office of the American *Servicemen's* Union heard of the rebellion, they immediately contacted the Ft. Dix authorities and demanded from the Public Information Officer, Col. Nealon that the ASU be allowed to investigate conditions in the stockade- that no charges be brought against the men and that the men be let out of segregation; and that the names of the men injured be immediately released to the public.
American *Servicemen's* Union
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FOR A

UNITED FRONT AGAINST FASCISM



OAKLAND CALIFORNIA

JULY 18, 19, 20, and 21 st.





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THIS REVOLUTIONARY CONFERENCE FOR A UNITED FRONT AGAINST FASCISM IS CALLED BY THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY.

THE FREEDOM OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS AND POLITICAL FREEDOM FOR ALL PROLETARIAN TYPE ORGANIZATIONS, THE FREEDOM AND POLITICAL WORK OF ALL STUDENTS, FARMER PEASANTS, WORKERS, AND THE LUMPEN MUST BE DEVELOPED INTO A NATIONAL FORCE; A FRONT WHICH HAS A COMMON REVOLUTIONARY IDEOLOGY AND POLITICAL PROGRAM WHICH ANSWERS THE BASIC DESIRES AND NEEDS OF ALL PEOPLE IN FASCIST, CAPITALISTIC, RACIST AMERICA. PRIMARY OBJECTIVE WILL BE COMMUNITY CONTROL OF POLICE TO END FASCISM.

IN OAKLAND CALIFORNIA, JULY 18, 19, 20 & 21st REPRESENTATIVES FROM AROUND THE COUNTIES OF ALL ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE, SOME 5,000 OR MORE REPRESENTATIVES WILL DEVELOP A UNITED FRONT AGAINST FASCISM. HEADQUARTERS BLACK PANTHER PARTY OFFICE, 3106 SHATTUCK AVE., BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, 845-0103 OR 845-0104.

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- CHECK IN TIME STARTS JULY 17TH, THURSDAY, 9:00A.M. THROUGH FRIDAY, 5:00P.M. CONFERENCE STARTS FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 18TH AT 7:00 P.M. SHARP.
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PIGS DRAW BLANK IN PANTHER RAID



Three persons arrested in a raid on the Detroit Black Panthers headquarters Thursday morning were released less than four hours later when the Wayne County Prosecutor refused to recommend warrants.

Detroit police detectives arrested the three on investigation of the possession of stolen property after officers quietly entered the store-front office at 8417 Twelfth in search of a stolen police radio.

Police said they did not find the radio, but did discover a typewriter and adding machine that had been reported as stolen.

The prosecutor said, however, that there was no evidence the three persons arrested had any knowledge of how the stolen property was obtained, and they were released.

Police confiscated the typewriter and adding machine along with a set of brass knuckles discovered in a desk drawer.

RELEASED were Leo Williams, 17, of 13027 Dequindre; Anita Hartman 20, of 2446 Ford and Jon M. Williams, 18, of 4312 Larchmont.

Leo Williams told police he was in charge of the office.

Detectives in unmarked cars converged on the store-front office just north of Euclid at about 10:25 a.m. Thursday.

There was no resistance when about 10 detectives entered the building through front and back doors. Few persons in the neighborhood even knew a raid was under way.

The police did not leave the office for more than an hour, at 11:45 a.m., when several other unmarked and marked patrol cars pulled up to the building.

After the suspects were taken to police cars, the office was padlocked.

The office is in a two-story block of small stores on the west side of Twelfth between Euclid and Philadelphia.

The windows are papered over with Red Chinese posters, quotations from Mao Tse-tung and pictures of black children and gun-bearing militants.

Nearby store owners said the Black Panthers took over the office a few months ago.

A small group milled around the office after police left, but the scene was generally calm.

POLICE AND Federal Bureau of Investigation agents said there was no connection between the raid in Detroit and two other raids on Black Panther offices in Chicago and Denver since Wednesday.

Both raids were to pick up suspects in the torture-murder of a fellow black militant in Connecticut last month.

In Chicago, police and FBI agents arrested 8 persons and seized 13 guns and a supply of ammunition early Wednesday morning. In Denver, tear gas was lobbed into the basement of a Black Panther headquarters Thursday morning to flush out two suspects in the murder case.

October 1966

Black Panther Party Platform and Program

What We Want What We Believe



FREE HUEY

Minister of Defense, Black Panther Party

1. We want freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our Black Community.

We believe that black people will not be free until we are able to determine our destiny.

2. We want full employment for our people.

We believe that the federal government is responsible and obligated to give every man employment or a guaranteed income. We believe that if the white American businessmen will not give full employment, then the means of production should be taken from the businessmen and placed in the community so that the people of the community can organize and employ all of its people and give a high standard of living.

3. We want an end to the robbery by the white man of our Black Community.

We believe that this racist government has robbed us and now we are demanding the overdue debt of forty acres and two mules. Forty acres and two mules was promised 100 years ago as restitution for slave labor and mass murder of black people. We will accept the payment in currency which will be distributed to our many communities. The Germans are now aiding the Jews in Israel for the genocide of the Jewish people. The Germans murdered six million Jews. The American racist has taken part in the slaughter of over fifty million black people; therefore, we feel that this is a modest demand that we make.

4. We want decent housing, fit for shelter of human beings.

We believe that if the white landlords will not give decent housing to our black community, then the housing and the land should be made into cooperatives so that our community, with government aid, can build and make decent housing for its people.

5. We want education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present-day society.

We believe in an educational system that will give to our people a knowledge of self. If a man does not have knowledge of himself and his position in society and the world, then he has little chance to relate to anything else.

6. We want all black men to be exempt from military service.

We believe that Black people should not be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not fight and kill other people of color in the world who, like black people, are being victimized by the white racist government of America. We will protect ourselves from the force and violence of the racist police and the racist military, by whatever means necessary.

7. We want an immediate end to POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of black people.

We believe we can end police brutality in our black community by organizing black self-defense groups that are dedicated to defending our black community from racist police oppression and brutality. The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States gives a right to bear arms. We therefore believe that all black people should arm themselves for self-defense.

8. We want freedom for all black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.

We believe that all black people should be released from the many jails and prisons because they have not received a fair and impartial trial.

9. We want all black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their black communities, as defined by the Constitution of the United States.

We believe that the courts should follow the United States Constitution so that black people will receive fair trials. The 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution gives a man a right to be tried by his peer group. A peer is a person from a similar economic, social, religious, geographical, environmental, historical and racial background. To do this the court will be forced to select a jury from the black community from which the black defendant came. We have been, and are being tried by all-white juries that have no understanding of the "average reasoning man" of the black community.

10. We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace. And as our major political objective, a United Nations-supervised plebiscite to be held throughout the black colony in which only black colonial subjects will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of black people as to their national destiny.

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. **That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.** Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long estal...ed should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. **But, when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.**



SOUL ON ICE?

"IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL THE QUESTION OF THE PRISONER'S DEBT TO SOCIETY VERSUS SOCIETY'S DEBT TO THE PRISONER IS INJECTED FORCEFULLY INTO NATIONAL AND STATE POLITICS, INTO THE CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS STRUGGLE, AND INTO THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE BODY POLITIC. IT IS AN EXPLOSIVE ISSUE WHICH GOES TO THE VERY ROOT OF AMERICA'S SYSTEM OF JUSTICE, THE STRUCTURE OF CRIMINAL LAW, THE PREVAILING BELIEFS AND ATTITUDES TOWARD A CONVICTED FELON." (SOUL ON ICE, P.59)

Eldridge Cleaver made the decision to politically exile himself November 27th, on the basis that the Adult Authority made an outlaw decision, and that he has been denied his constitutional right to due process of law.

The revocation of Cleaver's parole was illegal, because no parole violation was committed.

The Adult Authority parole board has tried to maintain that Cleaver violated his parole by having a rifle in his possession, and by associating with individuals of bad reputation. This contention, we will show, is false. The Adult Authority version contradicts the Superior Court order itself:

". . . Cleaver's only handling of a firearm (the rifle) was in obedience to a police command. He did not handle a hand gun at all. There was nothing one way or the other to show a conspiracy or a situation calling for the application of the doctrine of aiding and abetting. Hence, nothing supported either the possession of a firearm or the assault charge.

As to the charge of association with individuals of bad reputation, the report indicated that two or three of those named had "police records," but nothing to show whether any had been convicted of anything, or whether Cleaver knew of their arrest record." (Superior Court c.t. 137, 138, 140, 141.)

Parolee Cleaver was denied due process of law by being denied opportunity to present his case.

Why was Cleaver returned to prison as a parole violator if documented evidence to the contrary had been presented in his defense? To answer that question, one must examine the Adult Authority. This board has the right to arbitrarily revoke or suspend parole on any individual. At the same time, the Adult Authority maintains—falsely—that Cleaver has the opportunity to defend himself at a hearing. This is how it works:

"A parolee is served with violation charges, is interviewed, is given a hearing (before the Adult Authority itself, the charging party) at which the parolee may 'plead' to the parole violation charges, and is afforded an opportunity to present his defense."

"At the 'hearing' a parolee is denied the right to counsel, may not have an independent and impartial officer to conduct the hearing and make decision." (Petition for Hearing in the Supreme Court, p. 17)

Not only does the Adult Authority hold secret hearings, but it also refuses to notify persons under its jurisdiction of its procedures, or of its variable definitions of what constitutes a parole violation. This secrecy and vagueness is in direct violation of federal law which requires agencies to publish their procedures "for guidance of the public."

"Petitioner (Cleaver) is immediately and seriously prejudiced by the Adult Authority's unlawful refusal to publish its regulations, since he is to be imprisoned by virtue of an action which the Adult Authority still seeks to garb in this 'veil of secrecy.' (Petition for Hearing in the Supreme Court, p. 12)

Yes, the Adult Authority acted unjustly and illegally. Its decision was an outlaw decision. Cleaver had no chance of obtaining "justice" from these Star Chamber proceedings. Why then wouldn't the U.S. Supreme Court hear Cleaver's case? There are, we believe, three reasons why the case wasn't accepted. The first is that any fair minded court would obviously have released Cleaver, thereby setting a precedent. The second is that thousands of cases of alleged parole violation from all over California and other states would be subject to reversal. Thirdly, the illegal functioning of the Adult Authority would come under attack. The U.S. Supreme Court just couldn't afford to consider the Cleaver case during this turbulent period.

Eldridge Cleaver is a victim of naked, shameless political persecution. As Judge Sherwin puts it:

". . . The uncontradicted evidence presented to this court indicated that the petitioner had been a model parolee. The peril to his parole status stemmed from no failure of personal rehabilitation, but from his undue eloquence in pursuing political goals, goals which were offensive to many of his contemporaries. Not only was there absence of cause for the cancellation of parole, it was the product of a type of pressure unbecoming, to say the least, to the law enforcement paraphernalia of this state."

Cleaver is in political exile because a man of his convictions cannot get justice here. Indeed, if we are to give more than lip service to the concepts of freedom and justice we must support him. The work to get him discharged from parole must continue. An intense publicity campaign is necessary now to bring to the public the legal defense and arguments which were carried to the courts with no satisfaction. We must all work together to focus attention of this case. This is not an issue of one man's freedoms, but a broad struggle which affirms the right of all of us to speak out politically in this country. If Cleaver is not allowed his freedom, it is just a matter of time until all our freedoms are further reduced. His is not a personal struggle but a political one.

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CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA..

Every member of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY throughout this country of racist America must abide by these rules as functional members of this party. CENTRAL COMMITTEE members, CENTRAL STAFFS, and LOCAL STAFFS, including all captains subordinate to either national, state, and local leadership of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY will enforce these rules. Length of suspension or other disciplinary action necessary for violation of these rules will depend on national decisions by national, state or state area, and local committees and staffs where said rule or rules of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY WERE VIOLATED.

Every member of the party must know these verbatum by heart. And apply them daily. Each member must report any violation of these rules to their leadership or they are counter-revolutionary and are also subjected to suspension by the BLACK PANTHER PARTY.

THE RULES ARE:

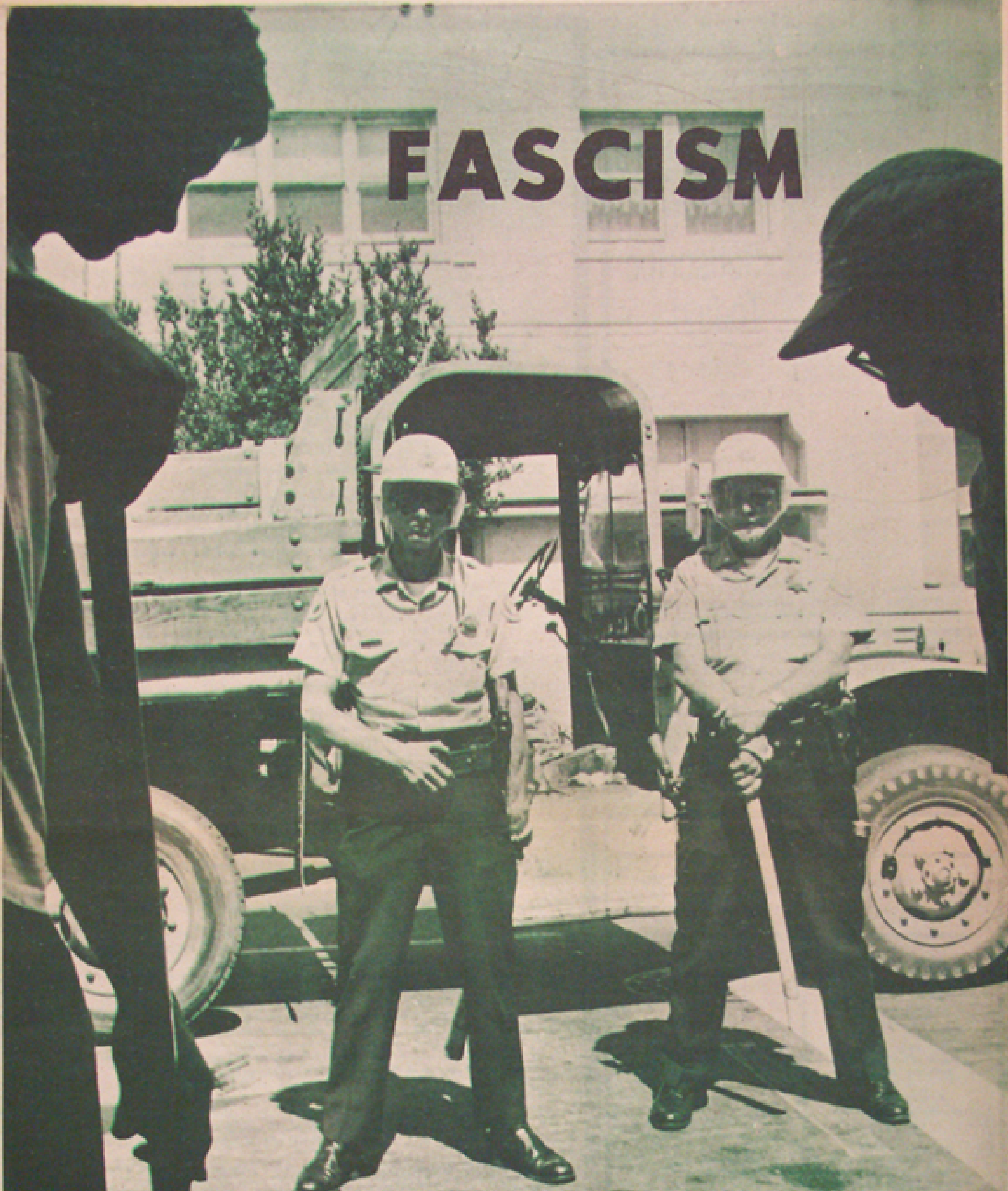
1. No party member can have narcotics or weed in his possession while doing party work.
2. Any party member found shooting narcotics will be expelled from this party.
3. No party member can be DRUNK while doing daily party work.
4. No party member will violate rules relating to office work, general meetings of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY, and meetings of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY ANYWHERE.
5. No party member will USE, POINT, or FIRE a weapon of any kind unnecessarily or accidentally at anyone.
6. No party member can join any other army force other than the BLACK LIBERATION ARMY.
7. No party member can have a weapon in his possession while DRUNK or loaded off narcotics or weed.
8. No party member will commit any crimes against other party members or BLACK people at all, and cannot steal or take from the people, not even a needle or a piece of thread.
9. When arrested BLACK PANTHER MEMBERS will give only name, address, and will sign nothing. Legal first aid must be understood by all Party members.
10. The Ten Point Program and platform of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY must be known and understood by each Party member.
11. Party Communications must be National and Local.
12. The 10-10-10-program should be known by all members and also understood by all members.
13. All Finance officers will operate under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Finance.
14. Each person will submit a report of daily work.
15. Each Sub-Section Leader Section Leader, Lieutenant, and Captain must submit Daily reports of work.
16. All Panthers must learn to operate and service weapons correctly.
17. All Leadership personnel who expel a member must submit this information to the Editor of the Newspaper, so that it will be published in the paper and will be known by all chapters and branches.
18. Political Education Classes are mandatory for general membership.
19. Only office personnel assigned to respective offices each day should be there. All others are to sell papers and do Political work out in the community, including Captains, Section Leaders, etc.
20. COMMUNICATIONS — all chapters must submit weekly reports in writing to the National Headquarters.
21. All Branches must implement First Aid and/or Medical Cadres.
22. All Chapters, Branches, and components of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY must submit a monthly Financial Report to the Ministry of Finance, and also the Central Committee.
23. Everyone in a leadership position must read no less than two hours per day to keep abreast of the changing political situation.
24. No chapter or branch shall accept grants, poverty funds, money or any other aid from any government agency without contacting the National Headquarters.
25. All chapters must adhere to the policy and the ideology laid down by the CENTRAL COMMITTEE of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY.
26. All Branches must submit weekly reports in writing to their respective Chapters.

8 POINTS OF ATTENTION

1) Speak politely.
2) Pay fairly for what you buy.
3) Return everything you borrow.
4) Pay for anything you damage.
5) Do not hit or swear at people.
6) Do not damage property or crops of the poor, oppressed masses.
7) Do not take liberties with women.
8) If we ever have to take captives do not ill-treat them.

3 MAIN RULES OF DISCIPLINE

1) Obey orders in all your actions.
2) Do not take a single needle or a piece of thread from the poor and oppressed masses.
3) Turn in everything captured from the attacking enemy.



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